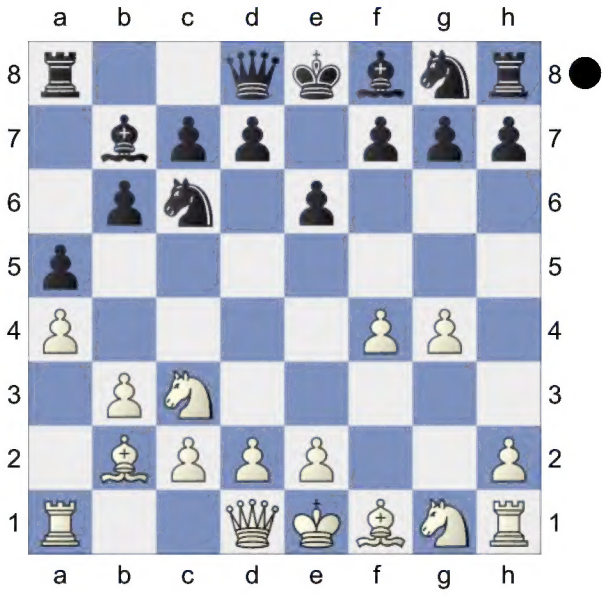
The Grob Attack
205 Reference Games

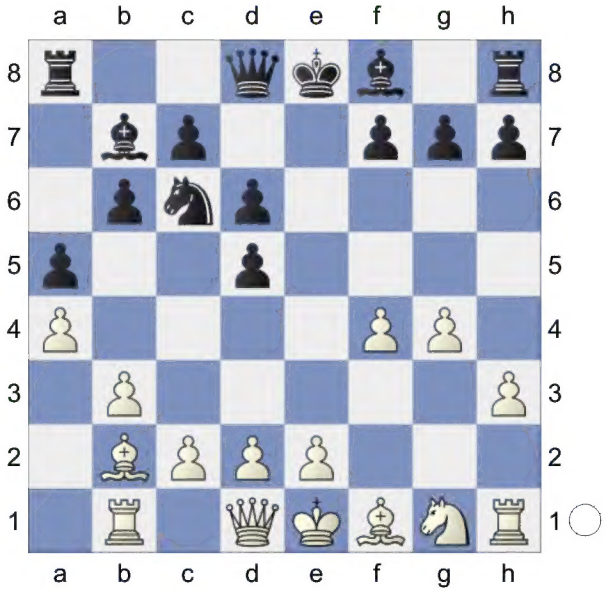
Chess Notes 2025

1 **A00**
□ **Vladik-Belyakov** **3276**
■ **Eevgenixx** **3469**
Blitz 29.04.2023
[TA]

1.g4 e6 2.f4 b6
[Predecessor: 2...Bc5 3.e3 Nf6 4.g5 Ng4 5.Qxg4 f5 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Bg2 Nb4 8.Qd1 h6 9.gxh6 Rxh6 1-0 (25) Ruschak,T-Haussmann,A freechess.de 2014]
3.b3 Bb7 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.Nc3 a5? -0.06/21
[5...Qh4# -#1/6]
6.a4? -#1/6
[6.h4= -0.06/21]



A00: Irregular Openings. **6...d6?** 0.01/20
[6...Qh4# -#1/6]
7.Rb1? -#1/6
[7.Nf3= 0.01/20]
7...Nge7? -0.60/19
[7...Qh4# -#1/6]
8.h3 -1.52/22
[8.Nf3∓ -0.60/19]
8...Nd5 (→ ...Qh4#) **9.Nxd5??** -#1/6
[9.h4∓ -1.35/19]
9...exd5? 0.44/20
[9...Qh4# -#1/6 mates]

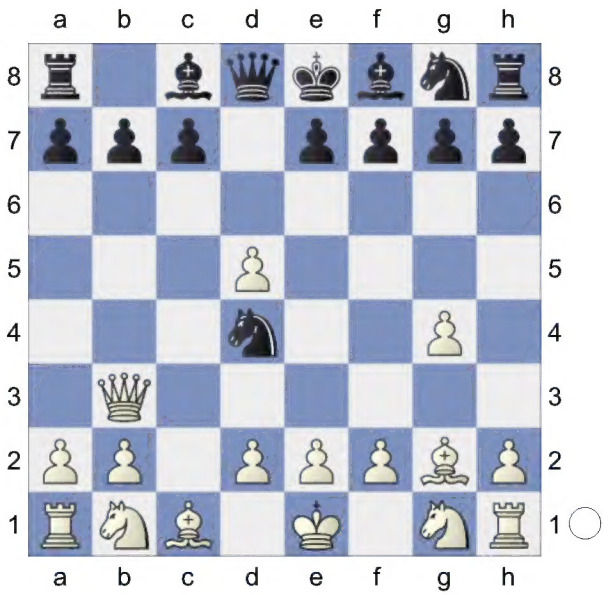


10.Bxg7? -#1/6 **Qh4#** Weighted Error Value: White=3.64/Black=3.45
0-1

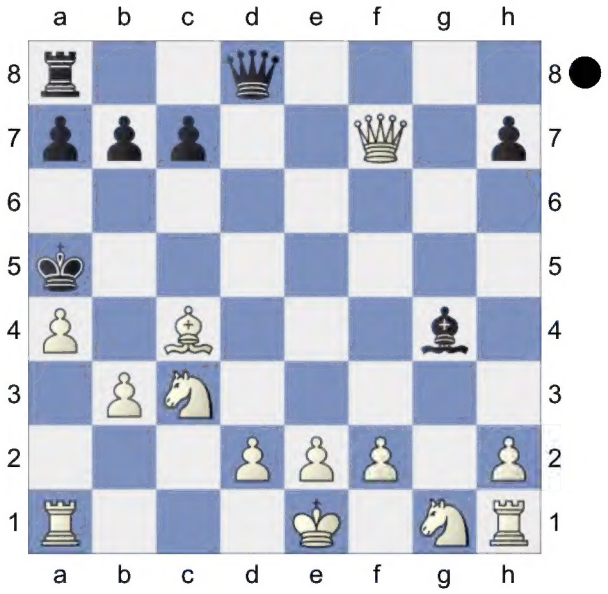
2 **A00**
□ **BARUStigerSUMATERA** **3193**
■ **MrBarusBreTigan** **2552**
Blitz 13.06.2021
[TA]

Blitz 3min **1.g4 Nc6 2.Bg2 Nb8 3.c4**
[Predecessor: 3.g5 g6 4.h4 Bg7 5.h5 e5 6.h6 Bf8 7.d4 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.e4 0-1 (40) Vovk,O (2315)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2596) Chess.com INT 2019]
3...Nc6 4.Qb3 d5 5.cxd5 Nd4? 3.54/21
[5...Ne5 1.78/21 6.d4 Nxg4]

(Diagram)



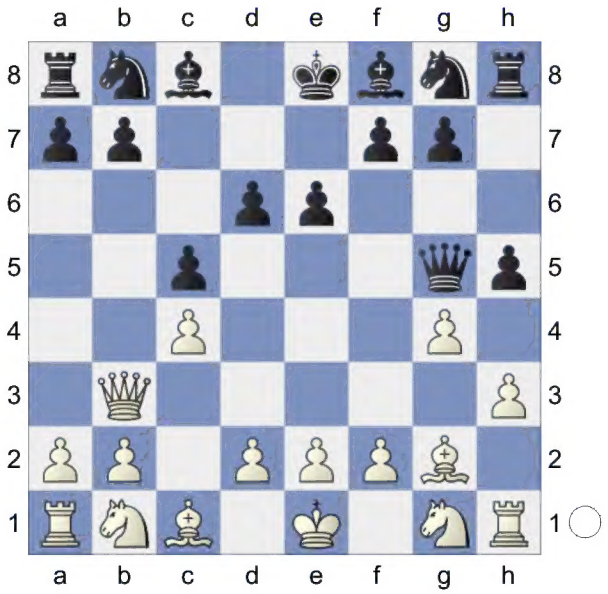
6.Qa4++- A00: Irregular Openings.
6...Bd7? 4.85/20
[6...c6 3.03/19 was necessary. 7.Qxd4 e6]
7.Qxd4 e6 8.dxe6 White is clearly winning. **8...Bb4 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.Bd5+ Ke7 11.Qxg7+ Ke8 12.Qxh8** 15.48/26
[⌓12.Qf7# #1/6]
12...Kf8 13.Qxg8+ Ke7 14.Qf7+ Kd6 15.b3 Kc5 16.Ba3 Bxg4 17.Bxb4+ Kxb4 18.a3+ Kb5 19.a4+ Ka6 20.Bc4+ Ka5 21.Nc3



Intending Nd5! and mate. **21...Qh4 22.Qd5+ Kb4 23.Qb5#** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=2.19
1-0

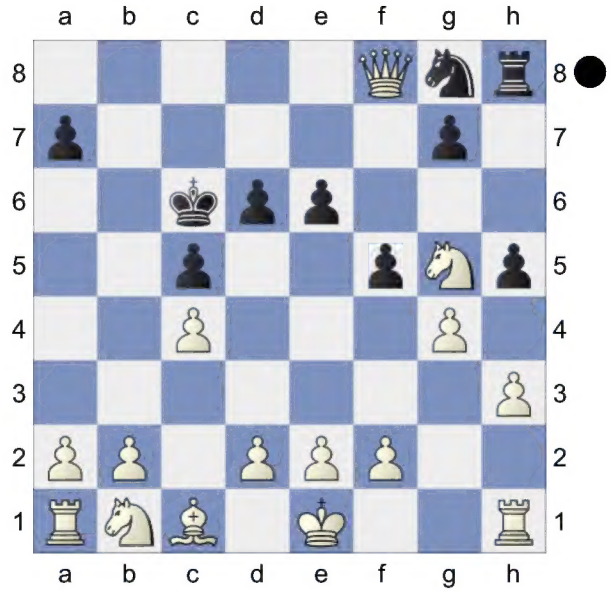
3 **A00**
□ **BARUStigerSUMATERA** **3183**
■ **MrBarusBreTigan** **2557**
Blitz 13.06.2021
[TA]

Blitz 3min **1.g4 e6 2.Bg2 c5 3.c4 d6 4.Qb3N**
[Predecessor: 4.d4 Na6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bf4 Nf6 7.e3 0-0 8.g5 Nd7 9.h4 e5 10.Bg3 exd4 11.exd4 ½-½ (43) Wasserthal,D-Rekus,S Darmstadt 1995]
4...Qg5 5.h3 h5? 4.97/22
[5...Nc6= 0.11/20]



6.Bxb7+- A00: Irregular Openings.
6...Bxb7 7.Qxb7 Nc6 11.94/22
[⌓7...Ne7 4.90/21 8.gxh5 *(8.Qxa8 Nec6+-; 8.Nf3 Qf4+-)* 8...Nec6]
8.Qxc6+ White is clearly winning.

8...Kd8 9.Qxa8+ Kc7 10.Qxf8 f5 11.Nf3 Kc6 12.Nxg5



Threatening mate with Qc8+. **12...Rh6 13.Qxg8** White wants to mate with Qc8+. **13...g6 14.Qxe6 Kc7 15.d4 cxd4 16.Nf7 fxg4 17.Bxh6 gxh3 18.Qxd6+ Kc8 19.Bf4** White mates. **19...Kb7 20.Qc7+ Ka8 21.Qb8#** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=1.40

1-0

4 **A00**

□ **JeffTheHappy** **3173**

■ **Vladik-Belyakov** **3294**

Blitz 29.04.2023

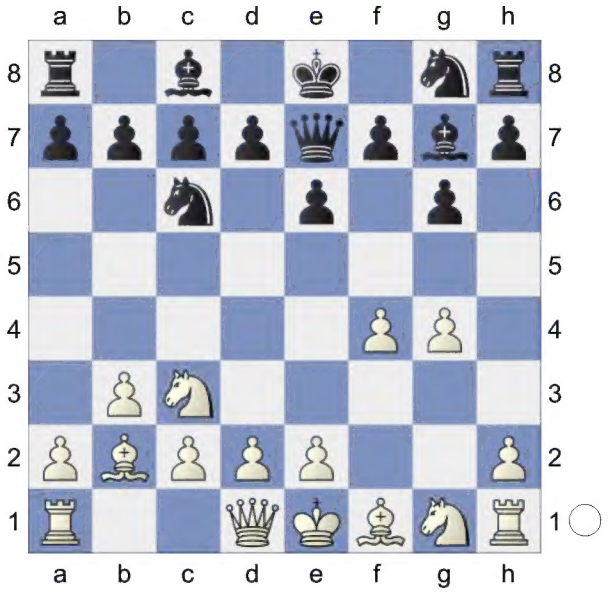
[TA]

1.g4 e6 2.f4 Qe7

[Predecessor: 2...Bc5 3.e3 Nf6 4.g5 Ng4 5.Qxg4 f5 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Bg2 Nb4 8.Qd1 h6 9.gxh6 Rxh6 1-0 (25) Ruschak,T-Haussmann,A freechess.de 2014]

3.Nc3 Nc6 4.b3 g6 5.Bb2 Bg7? 0.01/20

[5...Qh4# -#1/6 mates]



6.Nd5? -#1/6 A00: Irregular Openings.

6...exd5 -5.16/22

[⌓6...Qh4# -#1/6]

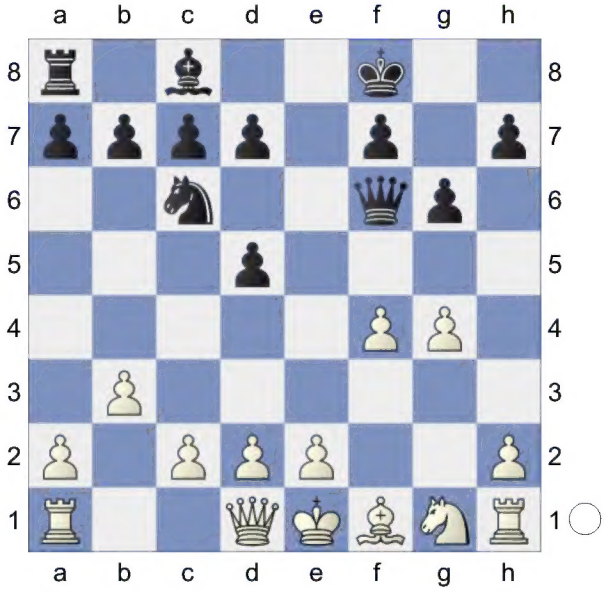
7.Bxg7 -#1/6

[7.Qc1-+ -5.16/22 Qh4+ 8.Kd1]

7...Nf6?? 4.03/23 **8.Bxh8 Kf8?** 4.79/21

[8...Nxg4 2.82/21 might work better. 9.e3 d6]

9.Bxf6 Qxf6



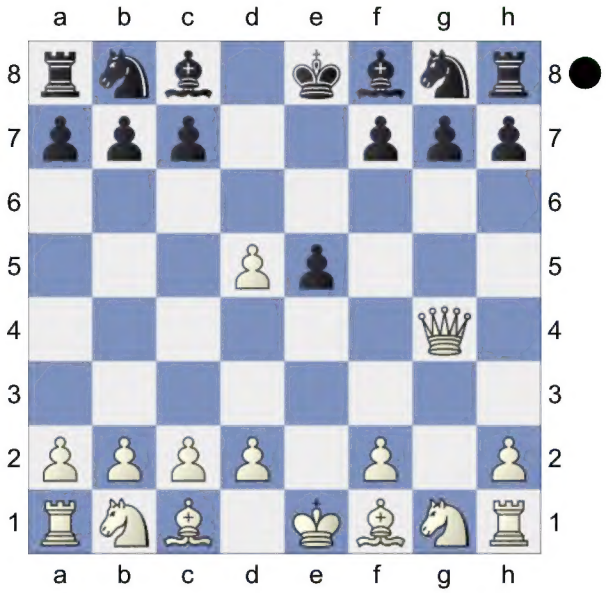
10.h3?? -#1/6

[10.Nh3+- 4.64/20]

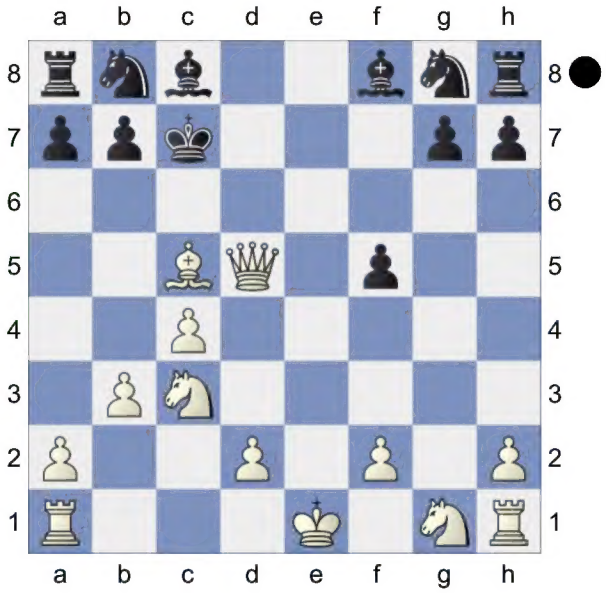
10...Qh4# Weighted Error Value: White=2.95/Black=3.49
0-1

5 **A00**
□ **BARUStigerSUMATERA** **3140**
■ **MrBarusBreTigan** **2578**
Blitz 13.06.2021
[TA]

Blitz 3min **1.g4 e5 2.e4 d5 3.Qf3 Qg5N**
[Predecessor: 3...dxe4 4.Qxe4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Qd3 e4 8.Qe3 Bxg4 9.Ne5 Bd7 0-1 (21) Mary,L-Desmet,F Europe Echecs INT 2020]
4.exd5 Qxg4 5.Qxg4



e4? 20.71/21 **6.Qxe4+** A00: Irregular Openings. **6...Kd7 7.Bb5+ Kd6 8.b3** Qf4+ would now be deadly. White is clearly winning. **8...f5 9.Ba3+** 16.79/5
[⌓9.Qf4+ #6/15 Kxd5 10.c4+ *(10.Qxc7 Ke6 11.Bc4+ Kf6 12.Bb2+ Kg5 13.Qg3+ Kh5 14.Be2+ Kh6 15.Qh4+ Kg6 16.Qh5#; 10.Qc4+ Ke5 11.Bb2+ Kd6 12.Ba3+* Skewer *c5 13.Qxc5+ Ke6 14.Qe3+ Kf7 15.Be8+ Kf6 16.Bb2#)* 10...Kc5 11.Qxc7+ *(11.Ba3+ Kb6 12.Qd4+ Ka5 13.c5 Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Kxb5 15.Nc3+ Kc6 16.Qd5#)* 11...Kd4 12.Ke2 *(12.Qxc8 Nc6 13.Nf3+ Ke4 14.Qe6+ Kf4 15.Qe3+ Kg4 16.h3+ Kh5 17.Qg5#)* 12...h6 13.Nf3+ Ke4 14.Qe5#]
9...c5+- 10.dxc6+ Kc7 11.Qe5+ Kb6 12.Bc5+ Kxb5 13.c4+ 15.80/27
[⌓13.Nc3+ #3/8 Kxc6 14.Qd5+ Kc7 15.Nb5#]
13...Kxc6 14.Qd5+ Kc7 15.Nc3



Nd7 16.Nb5+ Kb8 17.Bd6+ Bxd6 18.Qxd6#
1-0

6 **A00**
□ **TatStilton3102** **3139**
■ **TeddyDrakeOBOLBLLLEX** **2596**
Blitz 09.11.2024
[TA]

Blitz 3min **1.g4 e5 2.e4 Qh4**
[Predecessor: 2...Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.f3 Be7 5.Nc3 d4 6.Nce2 c5 7.c4 Nc6

8.Ng3 b5 9.b3 Be6 10.cxb5 0-1 (24) Stauch,A (910)-Graf,A Magdeburg 2023]

3.Nf3 Qxg4 4.Nxe5 Qxd1+ 5.Kxd1 Bb4 0.79/19

[5...Nf6= -0.19/20]

6.Bb5 -0.05/21 White is more active. A00: Irregular Openings.

[Better is 6.Rg1± 0.79/19]

6...Nc6 7.Bxc6 -0.33/20

[7.Nxc6!= 0.14/20 dxc6 8.Be2]

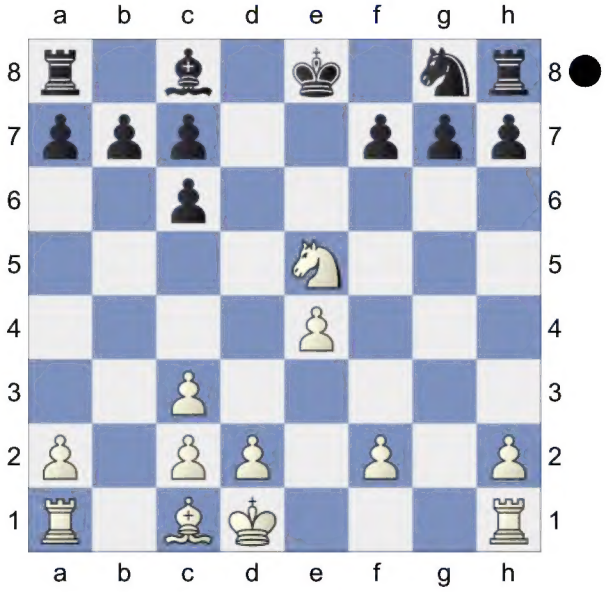
7...dxc6∓ 8.Nc3 -0.50/20

[8.f3= -0.14/21]

8...Bxc3 0.08/21

[8...f6∓ -0.50/20 9.Nd3 Bg4+ 10.Ke1 Bd6]

9.bxc3=



Bg4+? 5.16/22 **10.Ke1?** 0.38/21

[10.Nxg4+- 5.16/22 Ne7 11.d3]

10...0-0-0? 4.52/22 **11.Ba3?** -0.34/22

[11.Nxg4+- 4.52/22 Re8 12.f3]

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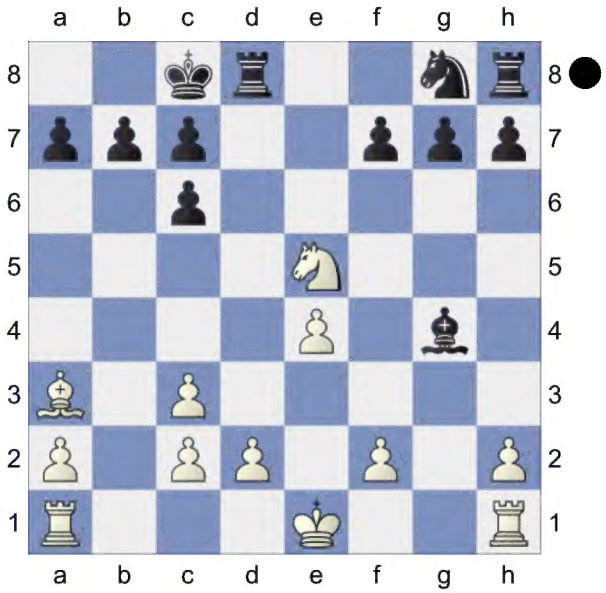


11...Ne7? 5.16/22 **12.Bxe7+-** **Rde8** **13.Nxf7?** -1.56/24

[13.Nxg4+- 5.22/24 Rxe7 14.f3]

13...Rxe7∓ 14.Nxh8?? -#3/8

[14.f3∓ -1.43/25 Bxf3 *(14...Rxf7 15.fxg4 Rhf8 16.h3∓)* 15.Nxh8 Bxh1 16.d3]

14...Rxe4+ 15.Kf1 Be2+?? 5.46/25

[15...Bh3+ -#2/6 and all is fine. 16.Kg1 Rg4#]

16.Kg2+- Rg4+ 17.Kh3 Bf3 18.Rhg1 Rxg1 19.Rxg1 Weighted Error Value: White=2.01/Black=1.72

1-0

7 **A00**

□ **GRAND-MASTAR-KHALED** **3127**

■ **ZAYEE-MESH-HATLAQEY** **2551**

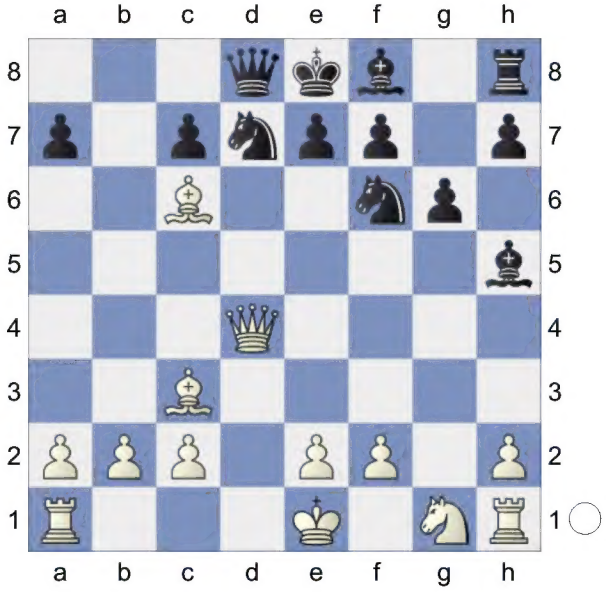
Rapid 22.06.2023

[TA]

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.Nc3 d4N

[Predecessor: 3...e6 4.h3 Bh5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Qd2 h6 9.0-0-0 hxg5 10.Nd4 0-1 (39) Hilbert,S (1387)-Goldmund,H (1188) FICGS email 2015]

4.Bxb7 dxc3 5.Bxa8 cxd2+ 2.79/22
[⌓5...Nd7 1.94/20]
6.Bxd2 A00: Irregular Openings. **6...Nd7**
7.Bc6 And now Bb4 would win. **7...Ngf6** 3.90/21
[7...e5 2.49/22 might work better. 8.Nf3 Bxf3 9.exf3 Ne7]
8.Bc3+- White is winning. **8...g6** 5.13/21
[8...e6 3.64/20 was necessary. 9.h3 Bh5]
9.Qd4 Bh5? 6.19/22
[9...Bg7 3.16/20 10.e4 *(10.Qxa7 0-0+-)* 10...e5 11.Qxe5+ Be6]



10.Qe3 White is clearly winning.
10...Qb8 9.46/23
[⌓10...Bg7 4.27/22 11.0-0-0 *(11.Qxa7 0-0+-)* 11...0-0 12.Bxd7 *(12.Qxa7 Qb8+-; 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Rxd7 Qb8+-)* 12...Qa8 13.Bxf6 Bxf6]
11.Bxf6 Rg8 12.Qd4 Qd8 13.Bg5 Bg7 14.Qxd7+ Qxd7 15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.0-0-0+ Ke8 17.Nf3 Bxf3 18.exf3 f6 19.Bf4 e5 20.Rhe1 Rf8 21.Be3 a5 22.Bc5 Rf7 23.Rd5 Bh6+ 24.Kb1 Bf4 25.Red1

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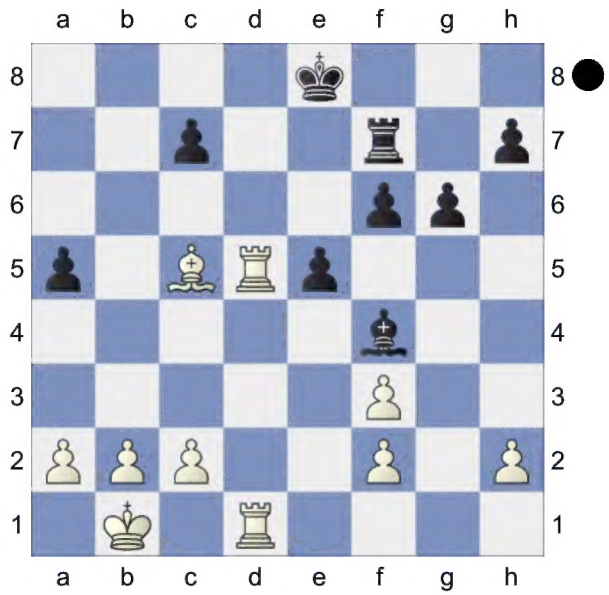


Rg7 26.Rd8+ Kf7 27.R1d7+ Ke6 28.Rxg7 Kf5 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.52/Black=1.41
1-0

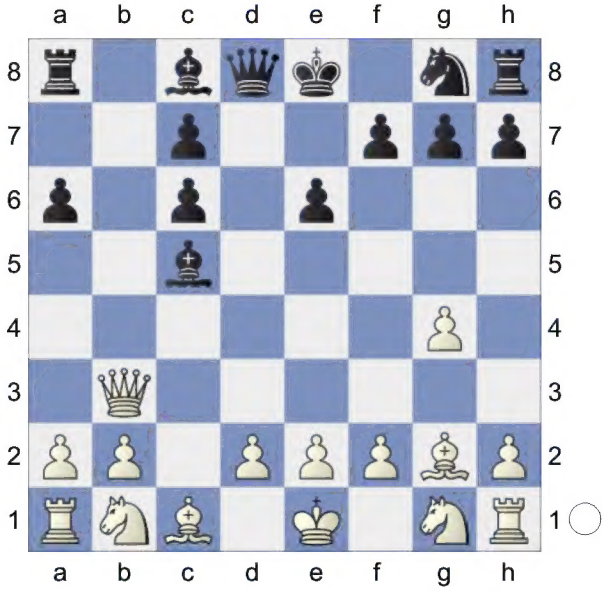
8 **A00**
□ **BARUStigerSUMATERA** **3119**
■ **MrBarusBreTigan** **2588**
Blitz 13.06.2021
[TA]

Blitz 3min **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 Qh4 3.h3 d5N**
[Predecessor: 3...Bc5 4.e3 d6 5.Nf3 Qe7 6.Nc3 a6 7.d3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Nc6 10.0-0 ½-½ (37) Voss,M-Schwieger,M freechess.de 2014]
4.Bxd5 Bf5 5.Bxb7 f6 6.gxf5 A00: Irregular Openings. **6...g6 7.fxg6 hxg6 8.Bxa8** White is clearly winning. **8...Rh5 9.Nf3 Rf5 10.Nxh4 Rxf2 11.Kxf2 f5 12.Nxg6 f4 13.Nxe5 Nf6 14.Nc6 Nxc6 15.Bxc6+ Ke7 16.d3 Kd6 17.Be4 Nxe4+ 18.dxe4+ Ke5 19.Qd5+ Kf6 20.Rg1** White mates.

20...f3 21.Qf5+ Ke7 22.Bg5+ Ke8 23.Rd1 fxe2 24.Qd7# Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. **1-0**

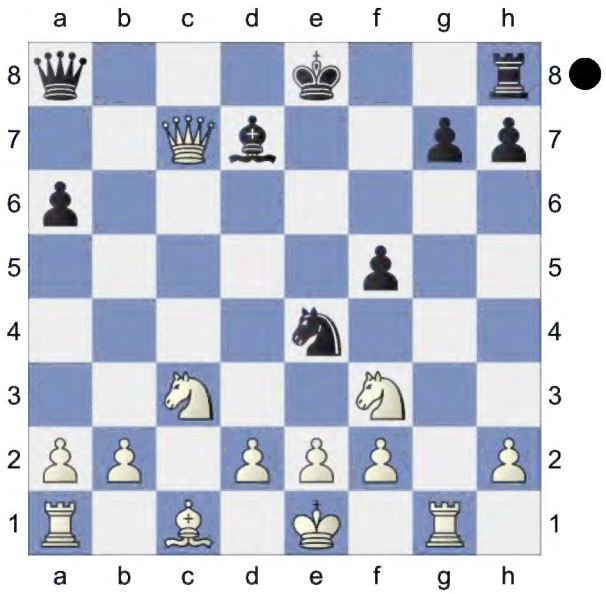
9	**A00**
□ **BARUStigerSUMATERA**	**3090**
■ **MrBarusBreTigan**	**2600**
Blitz	13.06.2021
[TA]	

Blitz 3min **1.g4 e6 2.Bg2 Bc5 3.c4** [Predecessor: 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.d4 Be7 5.h3 c5 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Nbd2 h5 8.g5 Ng4 9.Ne4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 1-0 (25) Lake,A-White,G (1690) Caleta 2016] **3...Nc6 4.Qb3 b5 5.cxb5 a6** 3.35/22 [⩲5...Na5 1.95/19 6.Qc3 Nb7 *(6...Bb7? 7.Nf3+-)*] **6.bxc6+-** A00: Irregular Openings. **6...dxc6** 7.15/23 [6...d5 3.19/20 7.Qc3 Bf8]



7.Bxc6+ Bd7 8.Bxa8 White is clearly winning. **8...Qxa8 9.Nf3 f5** 7.13/21 [⩲9...Nf6 4.64/20 10.g5 Nd5]

10.gxf5 exf5 11.Qc3 Nf6 12.Qxc5 Rf8 13.Nc3 Rh8 14.Qxc7 Ne4 15.Rg1



Nxe4 is the strong threat. **15...Nxc3 16.dxc3 Rf8 17.Rxg7 Rf7 18.Rxf7 Kxf7 19.Qxd7+ Kf8 20.Bh6+ Kg8 21.Qg7#** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=1.86 **1-0**

10	**A00**
□ **torombot**	**3067**
■ **InanisBot**	**2564**
Rapid	13.08.2024
[TA]	

Blitz 8min+1sec **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6 4.cxd5 c6 5.h3 Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3** Black is better. **8...Bg6 9.Qa4 Rc8 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.d3 0-0 13.Rg1 Qb6 14.Bd2 Rfd8 15.Rc1 h6** 0.01/21 [15...Qxb2∓ -0.85/18 White must now prevent ...Nd5. 16.Rb1 Qa3 17.Qxa3 Bxa3] **16.Nh4= Bh5** Strongly threatening ... Bh2. **17.Bxh6 g6 18.Bg5 Be5**

[18...Qxb2!? 19.Rc2 Qa1+ 20.Rc1 Qb2=]

19.Qc2 c5 20.b3 Rd7 21.Kf1 Qd6 1.13/22

[21...Qb8± 0.50/20]

22.Bxf6 0.49/21

[22.Ng2± 1.13/22]

22...Bxf6± 23.Ne4 Black is on the road to losing. **23...Qe7** 1.42/22

[23...Qe5!± 0.59/23 24.Nxf6+ *(24.Nxc5? Rd5-+)* 24...Qxf6]

24.Ng2± Be5 Against Nf4 **25.Qd2! Rd4**

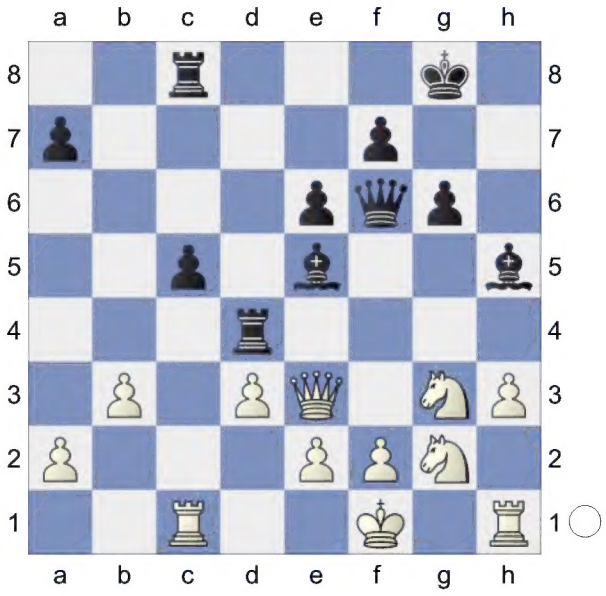
[25...f5 26.Qg5±]

26.Qe3 Bh2 27.Rh1 Be5 2.03/23

[27...Bd6± 1.35/23 was called for. 28.h4 Qd8]

28.Ng3+- Excellent horsemanship.

28...Qf6



29.Nxh5 gxh5 30.Ne1 Rd5 31.Rg1+ Kf8 32.Rc4 Repels Bf4 **32...Bd4**

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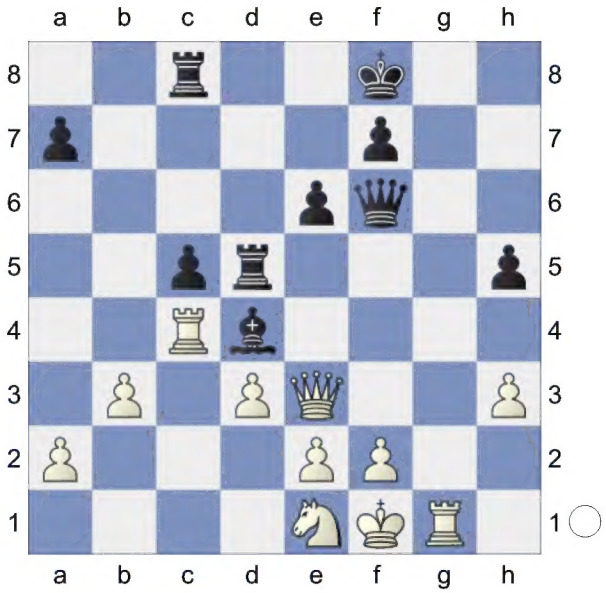


33.Qg3 h4 34.Qh2

[34.Qg2 Rg5 35.Qh2 Be5±]

34...Be5 35.Qg2 Bg3 36.e4 Prevents Rf5 **36...Rdd8 37.Qf3 Bf4**

[37...Qxf3 38.Nxf3 Bb8 *(38...Rxd3? 39.Ne1+-)* 39.Ke2+- *(39.Nxh4 Rxd3 40.Rg5 Rxh3±)*]

38.Rg4 Bg5 39.Qe2 Qh6 40.Nf3 Be7 41.Qc2 f5 5.51/22

[⌓41...a5 3.90/20 42.Qc3 Qh7]

42.exf5 exf5 43.Rcf4 Qe6 44.Qc4 Qxc4 45.dxc4

[45.bxc4 Rc6 46.Ne5 *(46.Rxf5+ Rf6+-; 46.Nxh4 Bxh4 47.Rxh4 Rxd3+-)* 46...Rf6+-]

45...Rc6 46.Nxh4

[46.Rxf5+ Rf6+-]

46...Bxh4 47.Rxh4 Endgame. KRR-KRR **47...Rf6 48.Rh5 Rd2 49.Rhxf5**

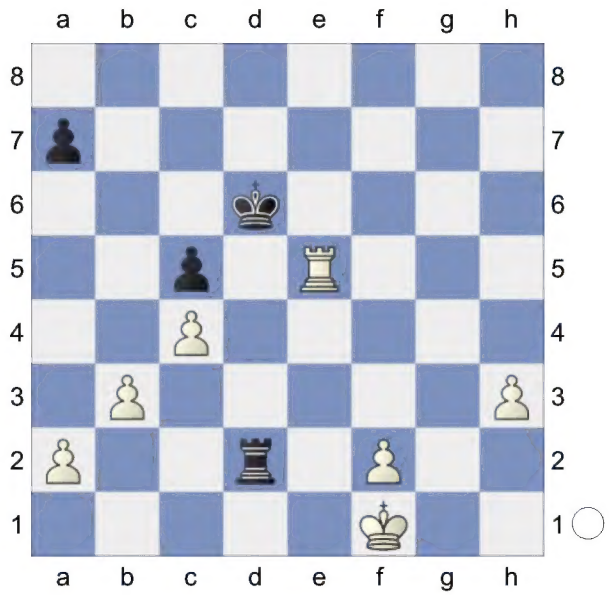
[49.Rfxf5 Rxf5 50.Rxf5+ Ke7+-]

49...Rxf5 50.Rxf5+ KR-KR **50...Ke7 51.Re5+**

[Don't take 51.Rxc5 Rxa2 52.h4 a5+-]

51...Kd6 17.64/27

[⌓51...Kf7 4.84/23 52.a4 *(52.Rxc5 Rxa2 53.h4 a5+-)* 52...Rd3]

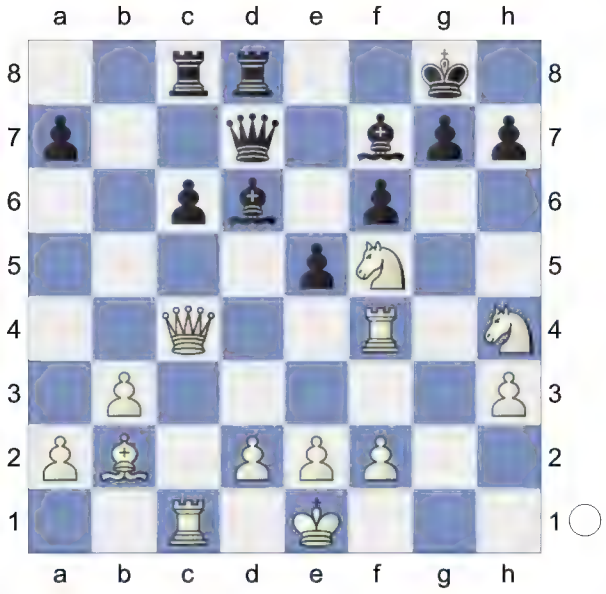


52.Rd5+! Rxd5 53.cxd5 Kxd5 KP-KP **54.h4 Ke5 55.h5 Kf6 56.Ke2 Kg5 57.Kd3 c4+ 58.bxc4** White mates. **58...Kxh5 59.c5 Kg4 60.c6 Kf3 61.c7 Kg2 62.Ke2 Kh3 63.c8Q+ Kg2 64.Qg8+ Kh2 65.Kf3 Kh3 66.Qg3#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.35
1-0

11 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3065**
■ **InanisBot** **2542**
Rapid 25.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6
[3...c6 4.Qb3 Qd7 5.cxd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.d3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Kd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rhe8 18.h4 Nakamura,H (2749)-Mamedyarov,S (2817) Chess.com INT 2019 CBM 189 Extra [MH] ½-½ (43)]
[3...dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 Bh5 7.Qa4 e5 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nh3 e4 13.0-0-0 exf3 14.Rhg1 fxe2 15.Rde1 Ne5 16.Qb5 a6 17.Qa5 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Mikaelyan,A (2521)-Di Berardino,D (2479) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1]
4.cxd5 c6 5.h3N
[5.Nc3 Bd7 *(5...e5 6.dxe6 Bxe6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.e4 Nb6 9.Nge2 Qd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 Bh3 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Nf4 Qg4+ 14.Qxg4 Nxg4 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rfd1 Rhd8 17.a4 a5 18.Rab1 Rd7 19.b4 Rad8 20.h3* Keres,P-Niemann,J corr 1934 UltraCorr3a [P. Keres,Kitty Kat] 1-0*)* 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.d4 e6 8.e4 exd5 9.exd5 Be7 10.Bf4 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 13.Bxf7+ Kf8 14.Rc1 Be8 15.Be6 Qd8 16.d5 Nd4 17.Qxb7 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Qa5+ 19.Rc3 Rd8 Grob,H-Meier,R corr Switzerland 1942 OM Corr 202003 [H. Grob,Kitty Kat] 1-0 (44)]
5...Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Black is better. **8...Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6**
[10...Qxc6 11.Qxc6+ bxc6 12.Nf3∓]
11.Nf3 Bd6 Against Ne5 **12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Qc7 15.Rc1 Rac8** -0.62/19
[15...Rab8∓ -1.15/20 Threatens to win with ...Rb4. 16.Na4 Nd5]
16.Rg1∓ Qe7 17.Nd1 Nd5 18.Ne3 f6 0.46/21
[18...a5∓ -0.63/21]
19.Nh4!± Nf4 0.82/24
[19...Qf7± 0.37/21 deserves consideration.]
20.Rg4± Bf7 21.Rxf4 e5! 22.Nef5 Qd7 1.05/25
[Better is 22...Qf8!± 0.48/25 23.Nh6+

gxh6 24.Rg4+ Kh8]



White now steadily converts the win. **23.Nh6+! gxh6 24.Rg4+ Kf8 25.Qe4 Be6 26.Rg3** Hoping for Qf3. &Bianco is more active. **26...Ke8 27.f4** Black must now prevent Nf3. **27...f5** 2.37/24

[27...Rc7± 1.21/23 was worth a try.]

28.Qe3+- Be7 3.10/23

[⌓28...exf4 1.99/24 29.Rg8+ Bf8 30.Rxf8+ *(30.Ba3 c5=)* 30...Kxf8 31.Qxf4 Qf7]

29.Ng2 e4 3.74/22

[⌓29...c5 2.49/21 30.Qxe5 *(30.fxe5 Bg5±; 30.Bxe5 Rc6±)* 30...Qxd2+ 31.Kf2 Rc6]

30.Rg7 Qc7 5.62/23

[⌓30...Rc7 3.74/23 31.Bf6 *(31.Qc3 Qd6±)* 31...Bxf6 32.Rxd7 Rcxd7]

31.Qg3 Qd6 32.Rxh7 aiming for Qg6+. **32...Qxd2+** 7.85/24

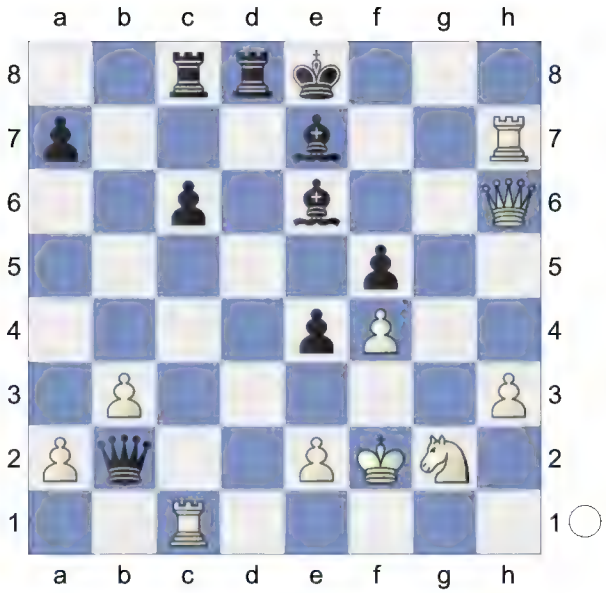
[⌓32...Bf7 5.12/21]

33.Kf2 Qxb2 34.Qg6+ Kf8 35.Qxh6+

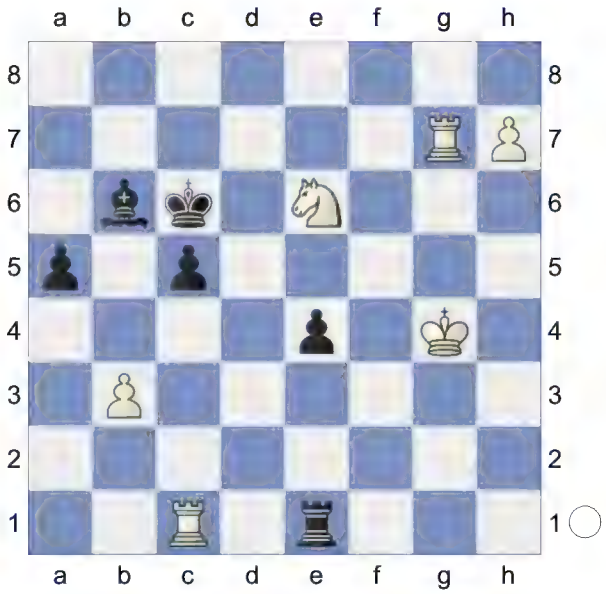
[Less strong is 35.Qxe6 Qf6 36.Rxh6 Qxe6 37.Rxe6 Rd5 38.Rcxc6 Rxc6 39.Rxc6 Bc5+ 40.Ne3 Bd4±]

35...Ke8

(Diagram)



36.Qxe6! Qf6 37.Qg8+ Kd7 38.Qg5 Qxf6 would kill now. **38...Qxg5 39.fxg5 Re8 40.Nf4 Kc7 41.Ng6 Kd6 42.h4 Bd8 43.Nf4 Bb6+ 44.e3 c5 45.Rf7 Kc6 46.Rxf5 Rcd8 47.Kg3 Rd2 48.g6 Rxa2 49.h5 Rd2 50.g7** Rf6+ is the strong threat. **50...Rd7 51.h6 Rg8 52.Rg5 a5 53.Ne6 Rd3 54.h7 Rxe3+ 55.Kg4** White mates. **55...Rxg7 56.Rxg7 Re1**



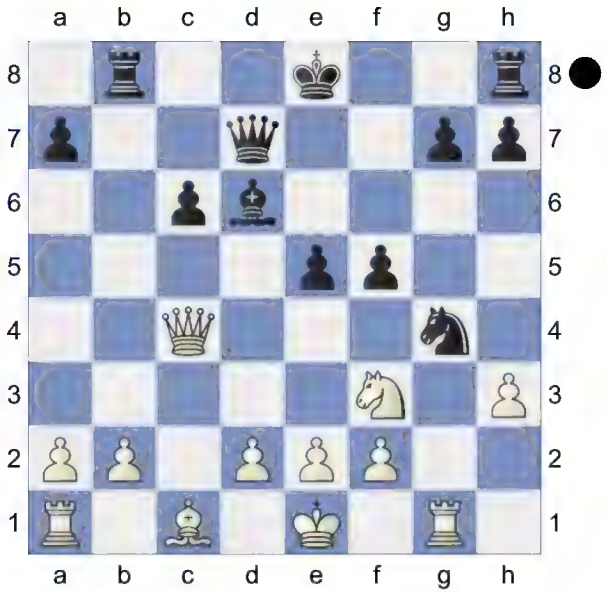
57.h8Q! Rg1+ 58.Rxg1 Kb5 59.Qe8+ Kb4 60.Qa4+ Kc3 61.Qc4+ Kb2 62.Rg2+ Ka3 63.Qa4# Weighted Error

Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.53
1-0

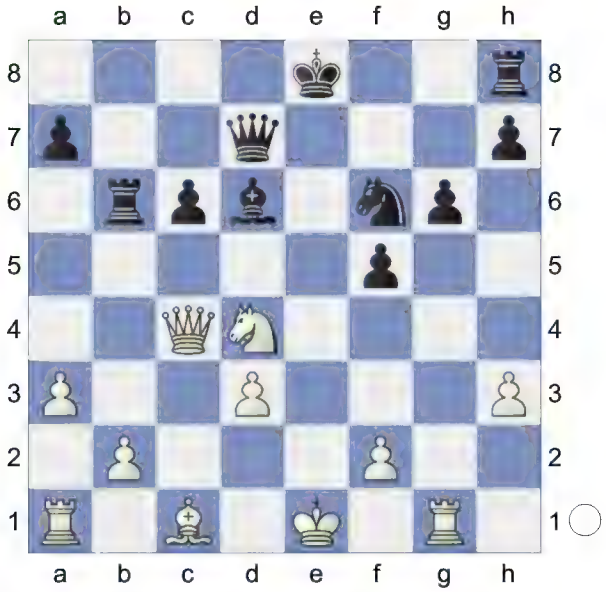
12 **A00**
□ **ToromBot** **3061**
■ **InanisBot** **2567**
Rapid 07.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3N Black is better.
[8.d3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Kd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rhe8 18.h4 g6 19.Rag1 Bc5 20.Rh2 Kc7 21.Bxc6 Kxc6 22.h5 Re6 Nakamura,H (2749)-Mamedyarov,S (2817) Chess.com INT 2019 CBM 189 Extra [MH] ½-½ (43)]
8...e5 -0.44/23
[Better is 8...Bh5!∓ -0.91/20]
9.Nxg4∓ Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Prevents Bc5. **11...Bd6**
[11...Rb8!?]
12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 -0.24/23
[13...Rb4∓ -0.80/24 14.Qc2 0-0]
14.h3=

(Diagram)

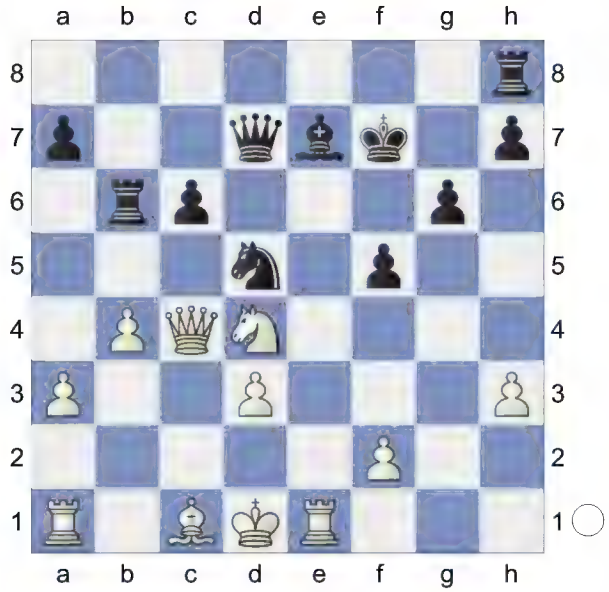


Nf6 -0.01/24
[14...Rb4!∓ -0.42/24 15.Qc3 e4]
15.a3! e4 16.Nd4 g6 Threatening ...c5.
17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 Rb6 0.80/22
[18...c5= -0.17/23 19.Ne6 Ke7 20.Nxc5 *(20.Ng5 Rhe8∓)* 20...Bxc5 21.Qxc5+ Kf7 22.Qc4+ *(22.Be3 Rhe8∓)* 22...Kg7]



19.Kd1!± Nd5? 2.33/21 A mistake that costs the game.
[19...c5!± 0.57/22 20.Re1+ Be7]
20.Re1++- Kf7 21.b4

[Not 21.Bh6 Rc8=]
21...Be7



22.Ra2! And now Nf3 would win.
22...Bf6 2.01/22
[⌓22...Rc8 1.66/23]
23.Rae2 Threatens to win with Nb3.
23...Rhb8 3.17/22
[⌓23...Rc8 1.84/18]
24.Nb3 aiming for Re6!
[Less strong is 24.Bf4 Rxb4 25.axb4 Rxb4 26.Qxc6 Qxc6 27.Nxc6 Rxf4±]
24...Kg7 3.76/23
[⌓24...Kg8 2.47/20 25.Be3 Rd8]
25.Nc5 Qf7 26.Re6 Kg8? 4.26/23
[26...Rd8 2.58/21 might work better. 27.Rxf6 Qxf6]
27.Rd6 Rd8 28.Ree6 Rbb8 29.Rxc6 Nb6 30.Qb3 Strongly threatening Rc7!
30...Nd5 Inhibits Rc7. **31.Rxf6 Nxf6 32.Rxf6** Pin
[Weaker is 32.Qxf7+ Kxf7 33.Rc7+ Kg8±]
32...Qxb3+ 33.Nxb3 Rxd3+ 34.Kc2 Rxh3 35.Be3 Rc8+ 36.Kb2 Re8 37.b5 Re4 38.Nd4 Re5 39.a4 Re8 40.a5 Rh2 ...Rxe3 is the strong threat.
41.Kc3 Rh3 42.b6 axb6 43.axb6 Kg7 44.Re6 Rc8+ 45.Kb2 Rb8 46.Bf4 Rb7 47.Rc6 Hoping for Rc7+. **47...Rh4 48.Rc7+ Kf6 49.Rxb7** Intending Rd7! and mate. **49...Rxf4** Endgame KRN-KR **50.Kc3 Re4 51.Rxh7** Threatening mate with b7. **51...Re8 52.b7** White threatens Nc6 and mate. **52...f4 53.Nc6 Kg5 54.Rc7 Rh8 55.Rc8 Rh3+ 56.Kc4 Rh7 57.b8Q Rf7 58.Nd4 Re7 59.Rh8 Rf7 60.Qe5+ Kg4 61.Qe6+** White mates. **61...Rf5 62.Qxg6+ Rg5 63.Qe6+ Rf5 64.Qxf5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.56
1-0

13 **A00**
□ **ToromBot** **3056**
■ **InanisBot** **2562**
Rapid 23.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.e3
[3.c4 e6 4.h3 h5 5.gxh5 Nf6 6.h6 Rxh6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.d3 Rg6 9.Kf1 Nh5 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.d4 e5 14.e4 Qf6 15.Nxe5 Ng3+ 16.Kg1 Nxh1 17.Nxg6 Nxf2 Nakamura,H (2780)-Yu, Y (2720) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1 (54)]
3...e5 4.Nc3N
[4.h3 Nf6 *(4...Bc5 5.Ne2 Nge7 6.d4 Bb6 7.Nbc3 h5 8.gxh5 Rxh5 9.Ng3 Rh4 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxd5 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Rxh3 13.Bxh3 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.Ke2 Rd8 16.a3 g6 17.e4 Ne7 18.Bg5 Nc4 19.b3* Erigaisi,A (2702)-Bethke,R (2382) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (50)*)* 5.d4 Bd6 6.Nc3 e4 7.Nge2 Be6 8.Nf4 Ne7 9.Nb5 Bb4+

10.c3 Ba5 11.Qa4 c6 12.Nd6+ Qxd6 13.Qxa5 g5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qb4 Qxb4 16.cxb4 h5 17.gxh5 Rxh5 18.Bd2 Nf5 Niemann,H (2637)-Ivic,V (2625) Chess.com INT 2022 EXT 2023 [MH] ½-½ (38)]

4...d4 5.Ne4 Be6 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nxf6+ gxf6 8.Bxc6+ Black is better. **8...bxc6 9.Qf3 Qd5**

[9...dxe3 is interesting. 10.Qxc6+ Bd7 11.Qe4 exf2+ 12.Kxf2 Rb8]

10.Qxd5 cxd5

[10...Bb4+ seems wilder. 11.Kf1 cxd5 12.exd4 Bxg4 13.Be3 Rg8]

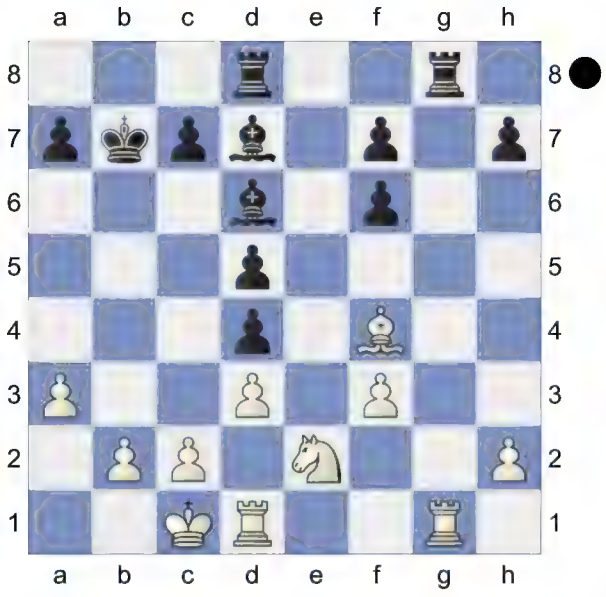
11.exd4 Bxg4 12.f3 Bd7 -0.59/23

[12...Be6∓ -0.94/21 13.Ne2 Rg8]

13.Bd2∓ Rg8 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Ne2 Kb7 -0.26/22

[15...Re8∓ -0.72/21]

16.Rhg1= Bd6 17.a3 exd4 18.Bf4



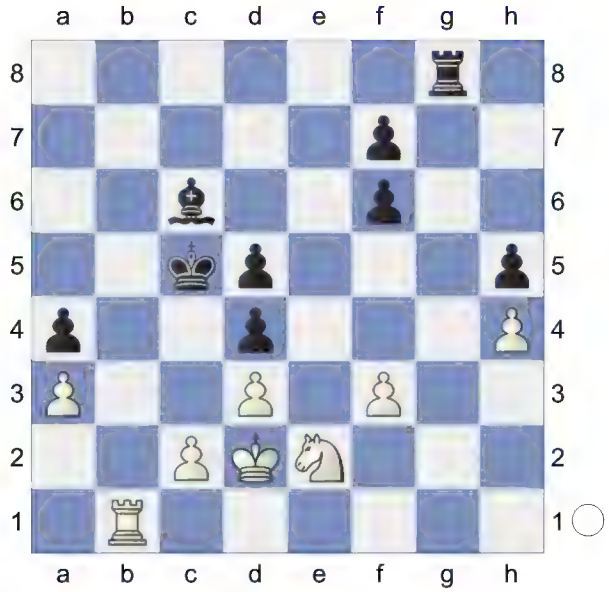
Black must now prevent Bxd6. **18...Bc5 19.b4 Be7 20.Rde1 c5 21.Bd2 Bd6 22.Bf4 Kc6 23.Bxd6 Kxd6 24.bxc5+ Kxc5 25.Kd2 a5 26.h4 Rde8 27.Rb1 Bc6 28.Nc1** Threatening Nb3+. Really sharp! **28...a4** 0.49/31 Against Nb3+

[28...Ba4!= 0.01/29 29.Rxg8 Rxg8]

29.Ne2!± h5 1.53/29

[Better is 29...Rg6± 0.43/26]

30.Rxg8± Rxg8 Endgame



KRB-KRN **31.Rg1** Inhibits Rg2. **31...Rh8** 2.98/27 This move loses the game for Black.

[Not 31...Rxg1 32.Nxg1 Bd7 33.Ne2±]

[31...Rg6± 1.25/27]

32.Rg7+- Be8 33.Kd1 Rh6 34.Rg8 Bd7 35.Rd8 Bc6 3.94/28

[35...Kd6 2.28/27 36.Nxd4 Rg6]

36.Ke1 f5 37.Nf4 Inhibits Rg6. **37...Rh7 38.Kf2 Rh6 39.Kg3 Rh7 40.Rg8 Bd7 41.Rg5 Rh8 42.Rxh5 Rg8+ 43.Rg5 Rh8 44.h5 Kd6 45.Kh4**

[Less strong is 45.Rg7 Be8 46.Kh4 f6±]

45...Rh7 7.83/29

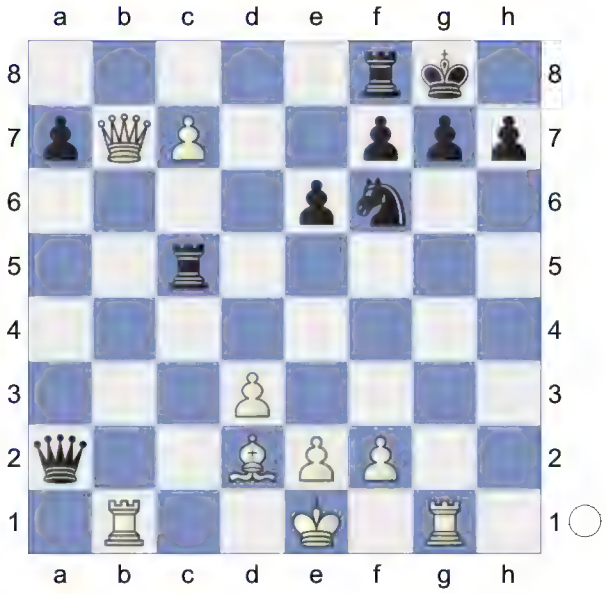
[⌓45...Bc8 4.68/26 46.Ne2 Ke5 47.f4+ Kf6]

46.Rg2 f6 47.Rg8 Bc6 48.Rf8 Ke5 49.Ng6+ Ke6 50.Rc8 Bd7 51.Rd8 Rg7 52.Nf8+ Ke7 53.Rxd7+ Kxf8 54.Rxg7 Kxg7 KP-KP. White mates. **55.Kg3 Kh6 56.Kf4 Kxh5 57.Kxf5 Kh4 58.Kxf6 Kg3 59.Ke5 Kf2 60.f4 Ke3 61.f5 Kd2 62.Kxd5 Ke3 63.f6 Kd2 64.f7 Kd1 65.f8Q Ke1 66.Kxd4**

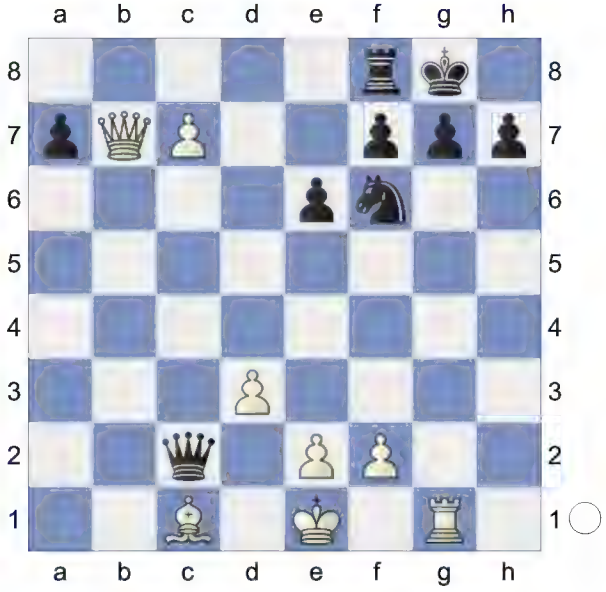
Ke2 67.Qf6 Ke1 68.Ke3 Kd1 69.Qb2 Ke1 70.Qc1# Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.30
1-0

14 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3056**
■ **InanisBot** **2566**
Rapid 16.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6
[3...d4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.h4 Ngf6 4) 1.b4 & 1.g4-1.g4 #5 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024]
4.cxd5 c6 5.h3N
[5.Qb3 Qb6 6.dxc6 Qxb3 7.cxb7 Qxb7 8.Bxb7 Wall Kubasek,T Grob's Opening (1.g4)]
5...Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Black is better. **8...Bb4 9.Bxh5 Nxh5 10.a3 Qa5 11.Nf3 Rd8 12.Qb3 0-0 13.Rg1 Nd4** 0.29/24
[13...e5∓ -0.70/21]
14.Nxd4= Rxd4 15.Rb1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Rh4 17.Qxb7 Rxh3 1.22/25
[17...Nf4!= 0.15/21]
18.Rb5± Qa4 Strongly threatening ... Qc2. **19.d3! Qc2** 1.52/24
[⌓19...a6 1.17/23 20.Rb3 Nf6]
20.Bd2 Threatens to win with c4.
20...Qa2 1.95/24
[20...e5± 1.25/21]
21.c4+- And now c5 would win.
21...Qxa3 3.03/23
[⌓21...e5 1.62/22]
22.Rb1 1.43/22
[22.Ra5 Qd6 23.Rxa7 Rh2±]
[22.c5!+- 3.03/23 Qa1+ 23.Rb1]
22...Qa2 5.40/22 This costs Black the game.
[22...Qd6± 1.43/22 is a better chance.]
23.c5 Nf6 24.c6 Rh5 25.c7 Hoping for Rc1. **25...Rc5**

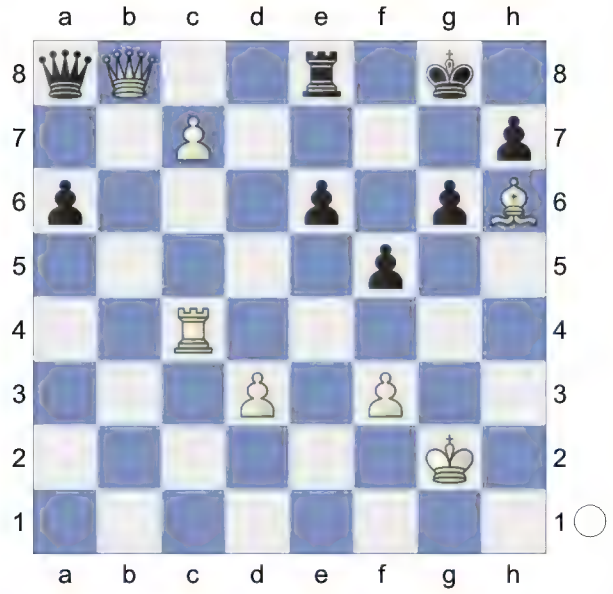


White must now prevent ...Rxc7! **26.Rc1! Rxc1+ 27.Bxc1 Qc2**



28.Bh6! Active counter play! **28...g6 29.Rg3**
[Worse is 29.Qb4 Rc8 30.Qe7 Qb1+ 31.Kd2 Qb2+ 32.Kd1 Qb1+ 33.Kd2 Qb2+ 34.Kd1 Qb1+ 35.Kd2∓]
29...a6 30.Kf1

[Not 30.Qb4 Rc8 31.Qd4 *(31.Rf3? Qxc7 32.Qf4 Nd5-+)* 31...Ne8∓]
30...Re8 31.Rf3 Nd7 32.Rf4 Qc1+ 33.Kg2 Ne5 34.Qb8 Qc6+ 35.f3 Nxf3 36.exf3 f5 37.Rc4 Qa8

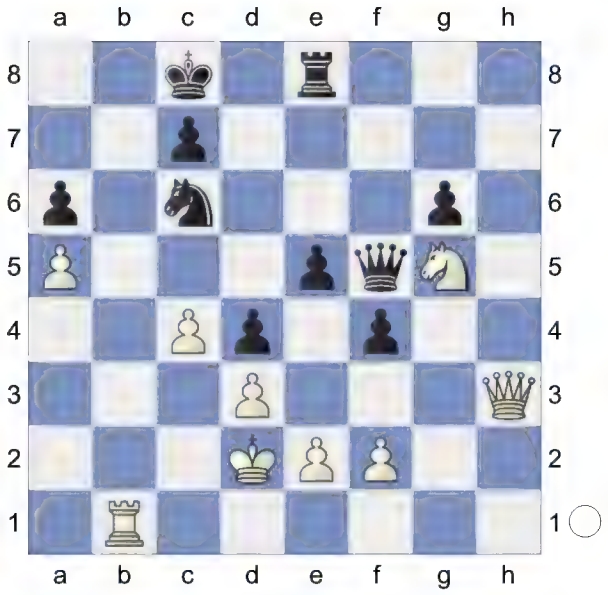


38.c8Q! Qxb8 39.Qd7 Qb2+ 40.Kh3 White mates. **40...Rf8 41.Rc7 Qh2+ 42.Kxh2 Rf7 43.Qxf7+ Kh8 44.Qxh7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.68
1-0

15 **A00**
□ **LeelaChessTest** **3045**
■ **pawn_git** **2890**
Rapid 18.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c4 d4N**
[3...e6 4.h3 h5 5.gxh5 Nf6 6.h6 Rxh6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.d3 Rg6 9.Kf1 Nh5 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.d4 e5 14.e4 Qf6 15.Nxe5 Ng3+ 16.Kg1 Nxh1 17.Nxg6 Nxf2 18.Qf3 Nakamura,H (2780)-Yu,Y (2720) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1 (54)]
4.h3 e5 5.d3 Nge7 6.Nd2 h5 7.gxh5 Rxh5 8.Ngf3 Black is better. **8...Ng6 9.Ne4 f5 10.Ng3 Rh8 11.h4** -0.96/20
[11.Qa4!∓ -0.65/21]
11...f4 -0.23/24
[Black should play 11...Nxh4∓ -0.96/20 12.Rxh4 Rxh4]
12.Ne4= Nxh4 13.Kd2 Qe7 14.Nxh4 Rxh4 15.Kc2 Bg4 -0.09/26
[15...Bf5∓ -0.56/24]
16.Bd2 0-0-0 17.a3 a6 18.b4 Rxh1 19.Qxh1 Bf5 20.Rb1 Re8 21.a4 Qd7 ...Nxb4+! is the strong threat. **22.b5 Nd8 23.a5 Re6** Threatening ...Rh6. **24.bxa6! bxa6 25.Qh8 Qe8 26.Bh3! g6 27.Ng5** Strongly threatening Bxf5. **27...Ba3**
[27...Qa4+ 28.Rb3 Re8 29.Bxf5+ gxf5 30.Qf6 Qa2+ 31.Rb2 Qa4+ 32.Rb3 Qa2+ 33.Rb2 Qa4+ 34.Rb3±]
28.Qh7
[Reject 28.Qxe8 Rxe8 29.Rh1 Be7∓]
28...Rf6 White must now prevent ... Qa4+. **29.Rb3!** The board is on fire. **29...Be7** And now ...Rf8 would win. **30.Bb4! Bxb4 31.Rxb4 Nc6 32.Rb1 Qf8 33.Ne4 Nb4+ 34.Kd2 Rf7 35.Qh4 Nc6 36.Ng5 Re7 37.Bg2⇄** White is not keeping still **37...Qf6 38.Qh6** aiming for Ne4. **38...Re8!** Threatens to win with ...Rh8. **39.Bh3 Bxh3 40.Qxh3+ Qf5**

(Diagram)



41.Qh1! f3
[41...Nxa5? 42.Qa8+ Kd7 43.Qd5+ Ke7 44.Qc5+ *(44.Qxa5 Qxg5 45.Qxc7+ Kf8±)* 44...Kf6 45.Ne4+ *(45.Qxa5 Qxg5 46.f3 Re7=)* 45...Kg7 46.Qxc7+ Qf7 47.Qxa5+-]
[41...e4 42.Nxe4]
42.Ne4 Qf4+ 43.Kd1 Nxa5 44.exf3 Nb7 45.Ra1 Re6 46.Ke2 Rb6
[46...Qf8!?]
47.c5 Re6 1.17/27
[47...Rb2+= 0.01/25 48.Kf1 Rb3]
48.Qh8+± Nd8 49.Rb1 Hoping for Nd6+! **49...Qf7?** 9.11/27
[49...Qf5± 1.31/24]

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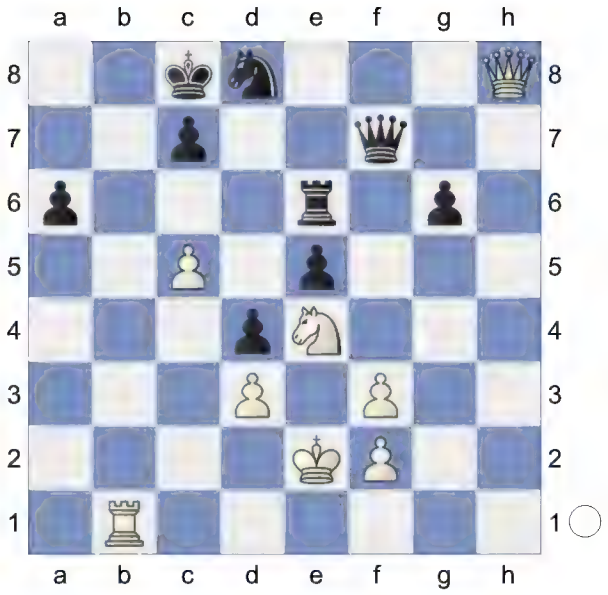
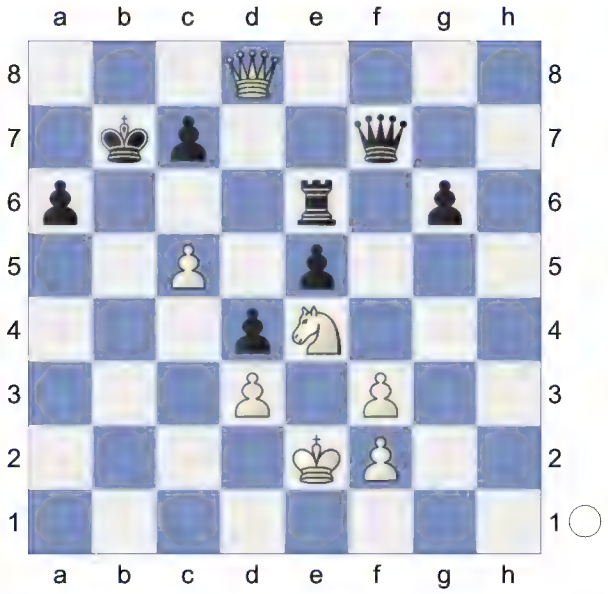


Black cannot hold the game after this.
50.Rb8+!!+- Skewer, Deflection, Decoy
50...Kxb8 51.Qxd8+ Endgame KQR-KQN **51...Kb7**



52.Qd5+! c6 53.Qb3+ Ka8 54.Ng5! Qa7 55.Nxe6 Qe7 56.f4 exf4 57.Kf3 Qf7 58.Nxd4 Qd7 59.Ne6 g5 60.d4 a5 61.Kg4 f3 62.d5 cxd5 63.Qb6 a4 64.Qd6 Qb7 65.c6 Qb6 66.Qd7 Qb4+ 67.Kh5 Qh4+ 68.Kg6 Qe4+ 69.Kf6 Qb4 70.c7 Qc3+ 71.Kf7 Qc2 72.c8Q+ 34.05/5
[⌓72.c8R+ #5/12 Qxc8 73.Qxc8+

Ka7 74.Qc6 a3 75.Nd8 g4 76.Qb7#]

72...Qxc8 73.Qxc8+ White mates. **73...Ka7 74.Qc6 a3 75.Nc5 Kb8 76.Qb7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

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16 **A00**

□ **RaspFish** **3044**

■ **InanisBot** **2568**

Rapid 22.08.2024

[TA]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6

[3...c6 4.Qb3 Qd7 5.cxd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.d3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Kd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rhe8 18.h4 Nakamura,H (2749)-Mamedyarov,S (2817) Chess.com INT 2019 CBM 189 Extra [MH] ½-½ (43)]

[3...dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 Bh5 7.Qa4 e5 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nh3 e4 13.0-0-0 exf3 14.Rhg1 fxe2 15.Rde1 Ne5 16.Qb5 a6 17.Qa5 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Mikaelyan,A (2521)-Di Berardino,D (2479) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1]

4.cxd5 c6 5.h3N

[5.Nc3 Bd7 *(5...e5 6.dxe6 Bxe6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.e4 Nb6 9.Nge2 Qd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 Bh3 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Nf4 Qg4+ 14.Qxg4 Nxg4 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rfd1 Rhd8 17.a4 a5 18.Rab1 Rd7 19.b4 Rad8 20.h3* Keres,P-Niemann,J corr 1934 UltraCorr3a [P. Keres,Kitty Kat] 1-0*)* 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.d4 e6 8.e4 exd5 9.exd5 Be7 10.Bf4 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 13.Bxf7+ Kf8 14.Rc1 Be8 15.Be6 Qd8 16.d5 Nd4 17.Qxb7 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Qa5+ 19.Rc3 Rd8 Grob,H-Meier,R corr Switzerland 1942 OM Corr 202003 [H. Grob,Kitty Kat] 1-0 (44)]

5...Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6** Prevents Ne5. **12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Qa5 15.Rg1 Rab8 16.Rc1 Rdc8** -0.19/22

[16...c5∓ -0.62/21 feels stronger. 17.Qa4 Qb4]

17.Qd4= Bf8 18.Ne5 Qc7 19.Na4 c5 20.Qe3 Nd5 21.Qf3 Nb6 0.40/22

[21...Nb4!∓ -0.39/19]

22.Nxb6!±

[22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Nxb6 axb6=]

22...axb6 23.h4! aiming for h5. **23...Qb7 24.Qc3** &Bianco is more active. **24...Kh8 25.h5!**

[Much weaker is 25.Nxg6+?! fxg6 26.Qe5 Qd5=]

25...Bf5 1.58/25

[⌓25...Bxh5 1.02/24 26.Qh3 Bg6]

26.h6± f6 27.Nc4↑ Qxf6! is the strong threat. White is on the roll. **27...Qe7 28.Qg3 Rd8 29.Qh4 Qf7** 2.78/24

[29...e5± 1.40/23 was worth a try.]

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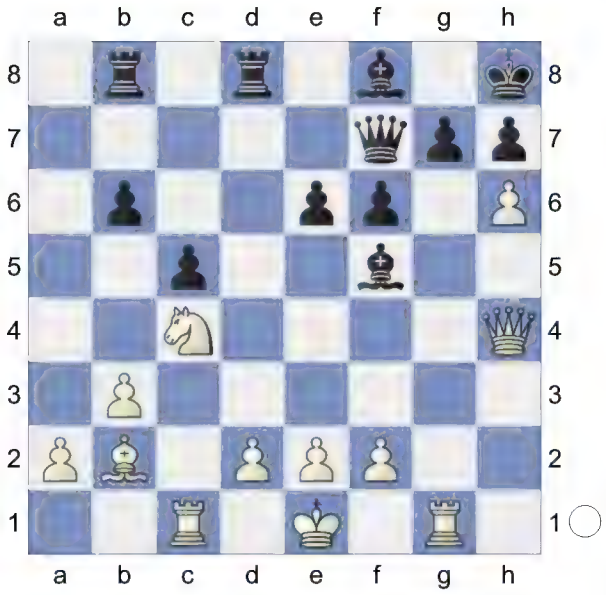
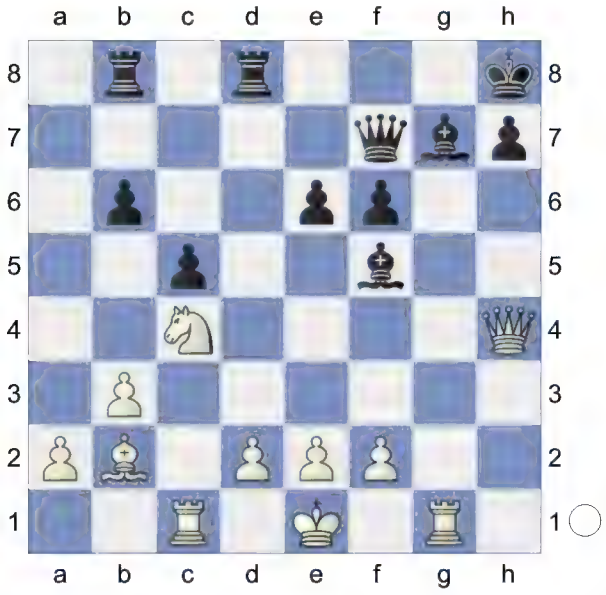


30.hxg7+!+- Bxg7



31.Rc3! Black must now prevent Rcg3.
31...Rd4 32.Qh2 Rg8 33.Rcg3
[Less strong is 33.Nxb6 Qa7±]
33...Rd7 34.Nxb6 Rc7 35.e4 Bxe4 36.Qh4 Bf5

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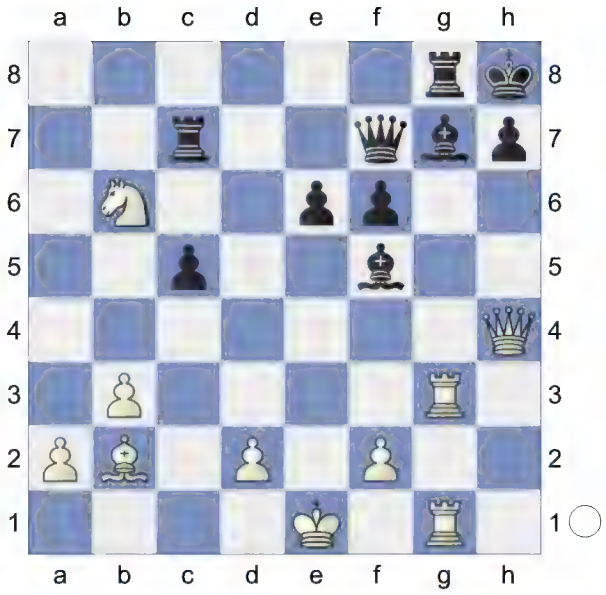
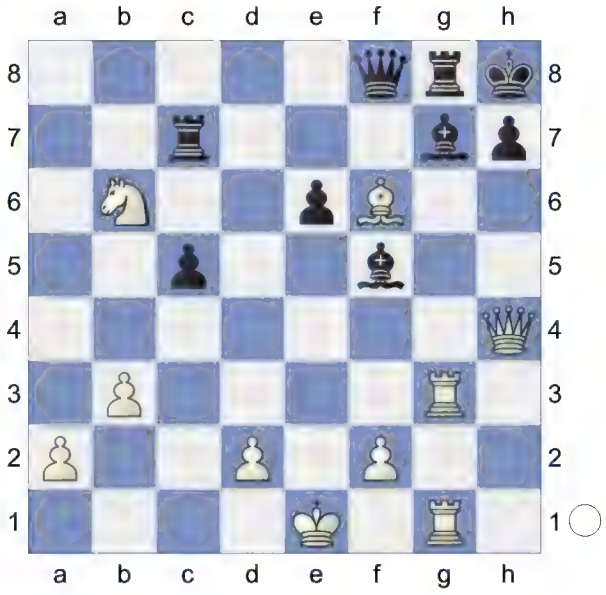


37.Bxf6 Qf8



38.Be5! Rf7
[38...Ra7 39.f4]
39.Nc4 Bc2 40.Nd6 Re7 41.Qh6 Bf5 42.Rxg7 Rgxg7

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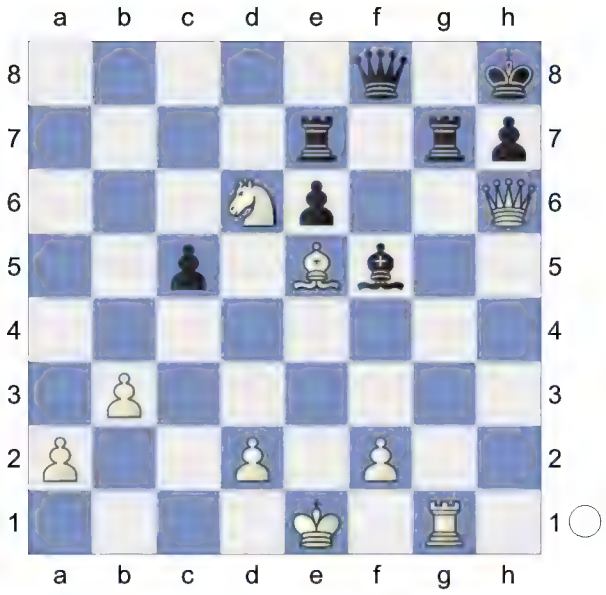
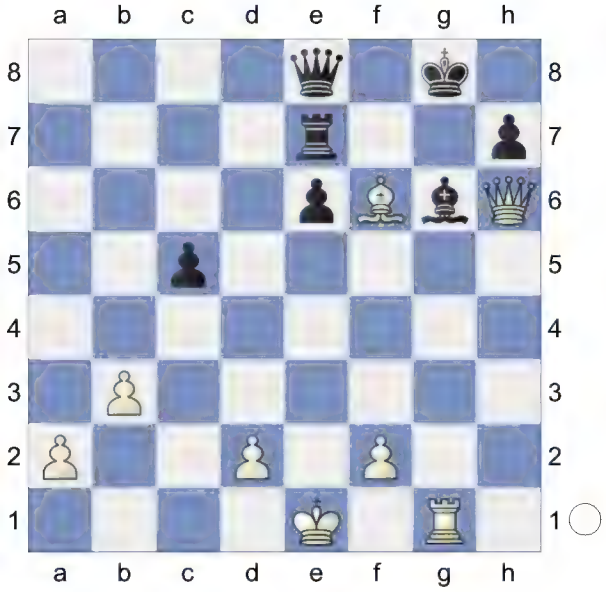


43.Ne8! Pin **43...Kg8 44.Bxg7 Qxe8 45.Bf6+ Bg6**



46.Rxg6+! Qxg6 47.Qxg6+ hxg6 48.Bxe7 c4 49.bxc4 KB-KPP **49...Kf7 50.Bg5 Ke8 51.a4 Kd7 52.a5 Kc6 53.Ke2 Kb7 54.c5 Kb8 55.Ke3 e5 56.Ke4 Kc7 57.Kxe5** KB-KP **57...Kc6 58.a6 Kb5 59.a7 Ka4 60.c6 Kb4 61.a8Q** White mates. **61...Kb3 62.c7 Kc2 63.c8Q+ Kd1 64.Qf3+ Ke1 65.Qc1#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.35

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17 **A00**

□ **RaspFish** **3040**

■ **InanisBot** **2559**

Rapid 08.08.2024

[TA]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6

[3...c6 4.Qb3 Qd7 5.cxd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.d3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Kd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rhe8 18.h4 Nakamura,H (2749)-Mamedyarov,S (2817) Chess.com INT 2019 CBM 189 Extra [MH] ½-½ (43)]

[3...dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 Bh5 7.Qa4 e5 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nh3 e4 13.0-0-0 exf3 14.Rhg1 fxe2 15.Rde1 Ne5 16.Qb5 a6 17.Qa5 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Mikaelyan,A (2521)-Di Berardino,D (2479) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1]

4.cxd5 c6 5.h3N

[5.Nc3 Bd7 *(5...e5 6.dxe6 Bxe6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.e4 Nb6 9.Nge2 Qd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 Bh3 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Nf4 Qg4+ 14.Qxg4 Nxg4 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rfd1 Rhd8 17.a4 a5 18.Rab1 Rd7 19.b4 Rad8 20.h3* Keres,P-Niemann,J corr 1934 UltraCorr3a [P. Keres,Kitty Kat] 1-0*)* 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.d4 e6 8.e4 exd5 9.exd5 Be7 10.Bf4 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 13.Bxf7+ Kf8 14.Rc1 Be8 15.Be6 Qd8 16.d5 Nd4 17.Qxb7 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Qa5+ 19.Rc3 Rd8 Grob,H-Meier,R corr Switzerland 1942 OM Corr 202003 [H. Grob,Kitty Kat] 1-0 (44)]

5...Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3

Black is slightly better. **8...Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6** Inhibits Ne5. **12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rad8** -0.25/20

[13...Bb4∓ -0.66/19 deserves consideration.]

14.Qc4 -0.60/20

[14.Rc1= -0.25/20 should be considered.]

14...Be7 15.Rc1 Qa5 16.Rg1 Rc8 17.Nd4 Qc7 18.Ncb5 Qh2 19.Nf3 Qb8

[19...Qxh3 20.Nxa7 Ra8 21.Nxc6±]

20.Nbd4 c5 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Qxe6+ Rf7 23.Ne5⇄ Against Nd7. Pin. White is not keeping still **23...Qb7 24.f3**

[Of course not 24.Nxf7 Bxf7 25.Qf5 Qa6∓]

24...Rcf8 25.Nxf7

[Much weaker is 25.Nxg6 hxg6 26.Rxg6 Qb6∓]

25...Rxf7 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.h4 Hoping for h5. **27...Qc7?** 3.57/24 This costs Black the game.

[27...Kf8± 0.55/22]

28.Rg2!+-

[And not 28.h5 Qh2! 29.Qg4 f5=]

28...Qf4 29.Rc4! Chess con chili. **29...Qh6**

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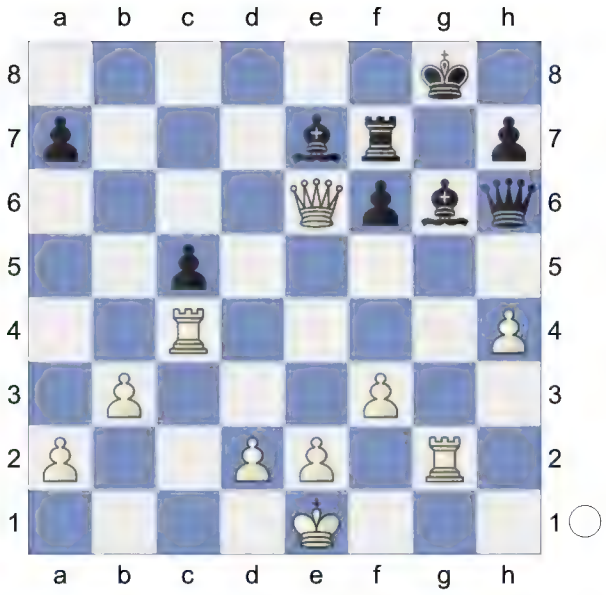
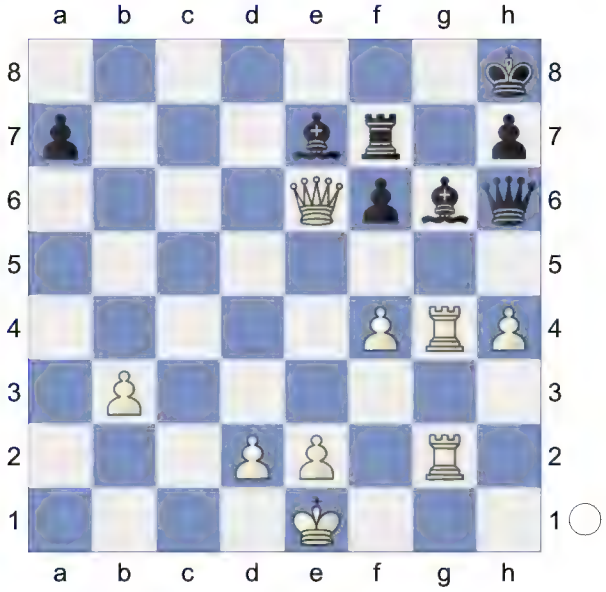


30.Rcg4! c4 31.f4 cxb3 32.axb3 Black must now prevent f5. **32...Kh8**



33.Rxg6! hxg6 34.Qxf7 Strongly threatening Qe8+. **34...Qxh4+** Endgame KQR-KQB **35.Kf1 Qxf4+ 36.Rf2 Qc7 37.Rf3 Qd7** Against Rh3+ **38.Ke1 a6 39.Rd3** 21.40/22

[⌓39.Rg3 #19/23 g5 40.Rd3 Qg4 41.Qe8+ Kh7 42.Qxe7+ Kg6 43.Qe8+ Kh6 44.Qh8+ Kg6 45.Qe8+ Kh6

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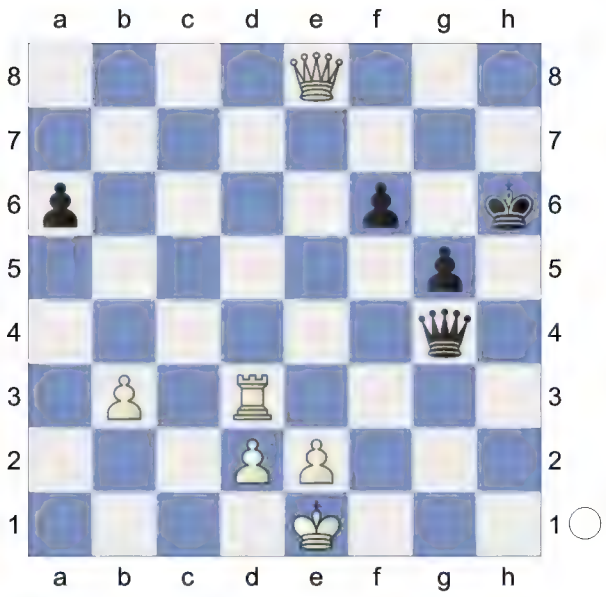

46.Rh3+!! Qxh3 47.Qh8+ Kg6 48.Qxh3]

39...Qg4 40.Qe8+ Kh7 41.Qxe7+ Kh6 42.Qxf6 Intending Qh8+ and mate. **42...Qg1+ 43.Qf1 Qxf1+ 44.Kxf1** KR-KPP **44...g5 45.Rf3 Kg6 46.Kg2 a5 47.d4 a4 48.bxa4** KR-KP **48...Kh6 49.d5 g4 50.Rf1 Kg6 51.d6 g3 52.d7 Kh5 53.d8Q** White mates. **53...Kh6 54.Qg8 Kh5 55.Rh1#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.50

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18 **A00**

□ **RaspFish** **3038**

■ **InanisBot** **2565**

Rapid 14.08.2024

[TA]

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1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6

[3...c6 4.Qb3 Qd7 5.cxd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.d3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Kd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rhe8 18.h4 Nakamura,H (2749)-Mamedyarov,S (2817) Chess.com INT 2019 CBM 189 Extra [MH] ½-½ (43)]

[3...dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 Bh5 7.Qa4 e5 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nh3 e4 13.0-0-0 exf3 14.Rhg1 fxe2 15.Rde1 Ne5 16.Qb5 a6 17.Qa5 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Mikaelyan,A (2521)-Di Berardino,D (2479) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1]

4.cxd5 c6 5.h3N

[5.Nc3 Bd7 *(5...e5 6.dxe6 Bxe6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.e4 Nb6 9.Nge2 Qd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 Bh3 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Nf4 Qg4+ 14.Qxg4 Nxg4 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rfd1 Rhd8 17.a4 a5 18.Rab1 Rd7 19.b4 Rad8 20.h3* Keres,P-Niemann,J corr 1934 UltraCorr3a [P. Keres,Kitty Kat] 1-0*)* 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.d4 e6 8.e4 exd5 9.exd5 Be7 10.Bf4 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 13.Bxf7+ Kf8 14.Rc1 Be8 15.Be6 Qd8 16.d5 Nd4 17.Qxb7 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Qa5+ 19.Rc3 Rd8 Grob,H-Meier,R corr Switzerland 1942 OM Corr 202003 [H. Grob,Kitty Kat] 1-0 (44)]

5...Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bd6 9.Bxh5 Nxh5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.d4 Rc8 12.Rg1 Kh8 13.Bd2 h6** -0.13/19

[13...Nf6∓ -0.47/18 might be stronger.]

14.Qa4

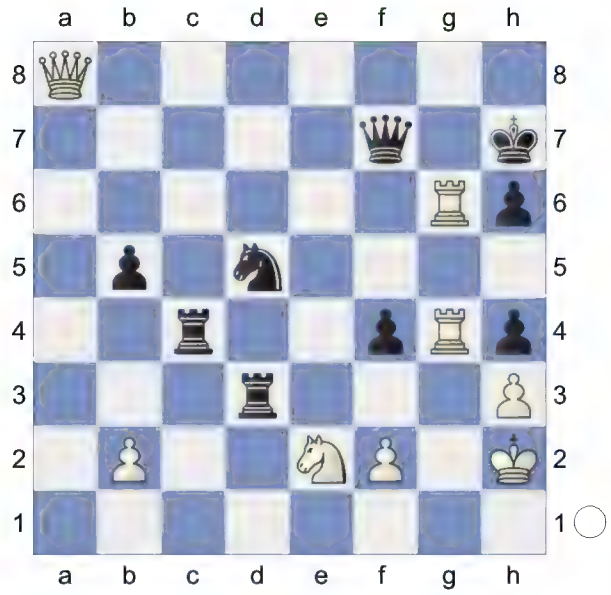
[14.Qc1 keeps more tension. Kh7 15.Qc2+ f5 16.0-0-0]

14...a6 15.d5 Nb4 16.dxe6 -0.01/21

[16.Qb3∓ -0.34/22 is superior.]

16...fxe6 Black wants to play ...b5. **17.Kf1 Nf4** White must now prevent ... Nxe2! **18.Rg4** aiming for Bxf4. **18...b5**

19.Qb3 Rc4 20.Rd1 Qe7 0.56/23
[Black should play 20...Qf6!= 0.01/23]
21.a4
[21.Be3!?]
21...Qb7 22.Bxf4 Bxf4 23.Kg1 e5 1.07/26 Inhibits Rd4.
[23...g5= 0.23/23]
24.Nh4 0.67/23
[24.axb5± 1.07/26 axb5 25.Nh4]
24...Kh7!± 25.e3 Strongly threatening axb5. Really sharp! **25...g5** 1.46/25 **26.exf4± gxh4 27.Ne2** And now Rd6 would win.
[But not 27.fxe5?! Rxg4+ 28.hxg4 Qf3 29.Qxb4 Qxf2+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+ 31.Kh2 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Qh3+ 33.Kg1 Qg3+ 34.Kh1 Qh3+ 35.Kg1 Qg3+ 36.Kh1=]
27...exf4? 3.11/24 This move loses the game for Black.
[27...e4± 1.28/21]
28.Rd6 Rf5 29.axb5 axb5 30.Kh2 Rd5 31.Qf3 White threatens Nc3 and mate. **31...Qf7 32.Rdg6 h5**
[32...Rd3 is a self mate. 33.Qa8 Nd5



34.Rxh6+!! Kxh6 35.Qh8+ Qh7 36.Qf8+ Kh5 37.Qe8+ Kh6 38.Qe6+ Kh5 39.Qe5+]
33.R4g5 Rxg5 34.Rxg5 Kh6 35.Rxb5 Qe8 36.Rb6+ Nc6 37.b3 Re4 8.04/26
[⌓37...Qe4 4.73/25 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.Rxc6+ Kg7]
38.Nxf4+- Kg5 39.Nd3 Rb5+ is the strong threat. **39...Re6 40.Rb5+ Kh6 41.Qf5 Nd8 42.Nf4 Qf7 43.Qxf7 Nxf7 44.Nxe6 Nd6 45.Rb6** White mates. **45...Nc8 46.Rc6 Ne7 47.Nd4+ Kg5 48.b4 Kf4 49.Rf6+ Kg5 50.Rf7 Ng8 51.Rg7+ Kf6 52.Rxg8 Kf7 53.Rd8 Ke7 54.Rd5 Kf7 55.b5 Kf8 56.Rd7 Ke8 57.Rc7 Kf8 58.b6 Ke8 59.b7 Kf8 60.b8Q#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.48
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19 **A00**
□ **ToromBot** **3038**
■ **InanisBot** **2487**
Rapid 27.07.2024
[TA]

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4.Qb3 Nf6
[4...Qd7 5.cxd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.d3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Kd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rhe8 18.h4 g6 19.Rag1 Nakamura,H (2749)-Mamedyarov,S (2817) Chess.com INT 2019 CBM 189 Extra [MH]

½-½ (43)]

5.Nc3N

[5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Nxa7 *(9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0* 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c [Kitty Kat] *)* 9...Rc7 10.Qa6 Nc5 11.Qb5+ Nfd7 12.Nc6 Qc8 13.Nd4 Nd3+ 14.Qxd3 Rxc1+ 15.Rxc1 Qxc1# 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c [Kitty Kat]]

[5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Qxc6+ Bd7 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.Q [Kitty Kat]]

5...e6 6.Qxb7 Strongly threatening cxd5. **6...Nbd7 7.Qxc6 Rc8 8.Qa6** Black is better. **8...Rxc4** aiming for ... Qc7. **9.b3 Rc5 10.Nb5 Qb8** 0.01/23

[10...Be7∓ -0.57/20 11.Nf3 Nb8]

11.a4= Rc2 12.Nf3 e5 Prevents Nfd4. ...Nc5 is the strong threat. **13.Qxa7** 0.32/21

[13.Kd1± 0.75/23 Rc8 14.Qxa7]

13...Qd8 0.69/23

[⌓13...Qxa7 0.32/21 14.Nxa7 Bb4]

14.0-0

[14.Qe3!?]

14...Bc5 0.73/23

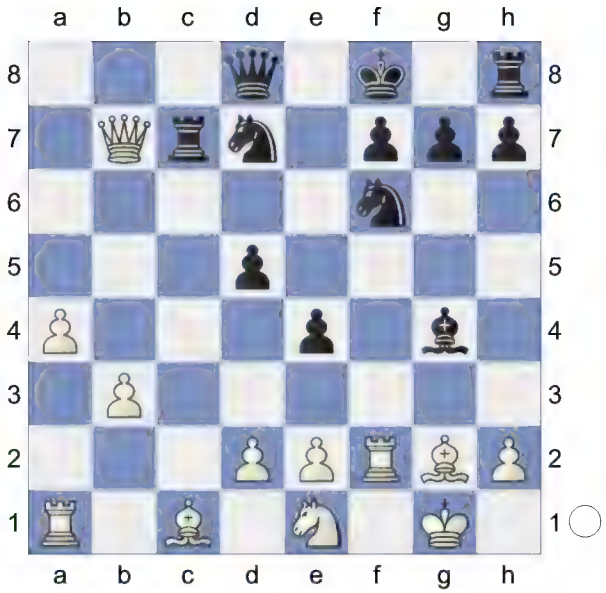
[14...Bxf3± 0.39/21 15.exf3 *(15.Bxf3 Be7±)* 15...Bc5]

15.Nc7+± Kf8 16.Qb7 e4 0.96/23

[16...Bxf3± 0.62/22 17.exf3 g6]

17.Ne1→ Black is in trouble. &Bianco is more active. **17...Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Rxc7**

(Diagram)



19.Qb4+ Kg8 20.a5 Qc8 1.17/21

[⌓20...h5 0.74/20]

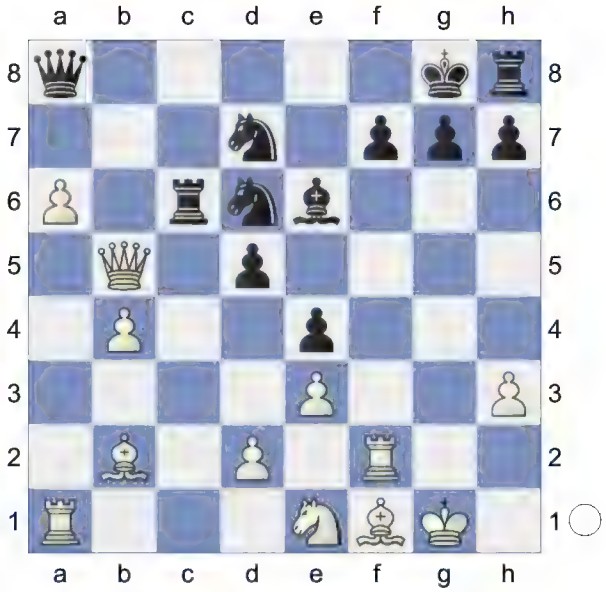
21.Bb2 Rc6 1.60/22

[Better is 21...Be6 1.15/20]

22.Qb5 Ra6 23.b4 Qa8 2.38/22

[23...h5± 1.25/19 was called for. 24.Rc1 Qa8]

24.h3+- Be6 25.e3 Ne8 26.Bf1 Rc6 27.a6 Nd6

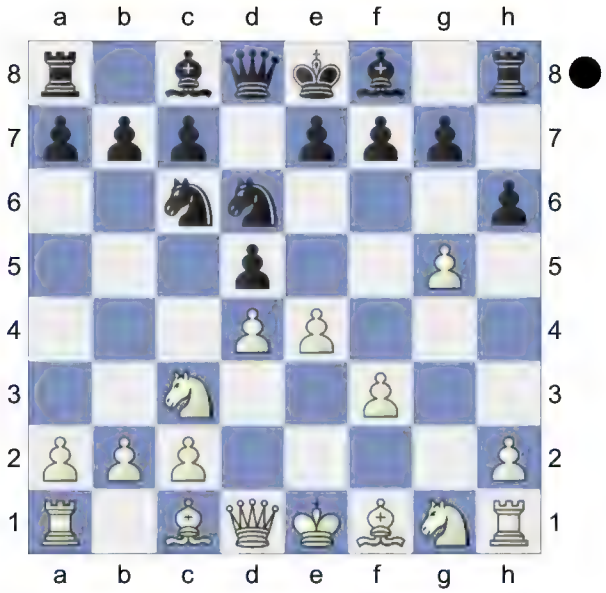


28.Qa5 h6 29.b5 Rc8 30.Bd4 Kh7 31.Ng2 Rhe8 32.b6 Rb8 33.a7 Rbc8 34.Qb4 Against Nc5 **34...Qc6 35.Nf4 Rcd8 36.Qc3 Qxc3 37.dxc3 g5**

38.Nh5 Kg6 39.Nf6 Nxf6 40.Bxf6 Ra8 41.Be5 Nc8 42.Rf6+ Kh7 43.b7 Rxa7 44.bxc8Q Bxc8 45.Rxa7 Rxe5 46.Raxf7+ Kg8 47.Rc7 Re8 48.Rg6+ Kf8 49.Rxh6 Kg8 Prevents Rh8+. **50.Rd6** Bb5 would kill now. **50...Bf5 51.Bb5 Rb8 52.Bc6** White mates. **52...d4 53.Bd5+ Kf8 54.Rh6 Rb1+ 55.Kh2 Rb2+ 56.Kg3 Bd7 57.Rxd7 Ke8 58.Rf7 Rg2+ 59.Kxg2 dxc3 60.Rh8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

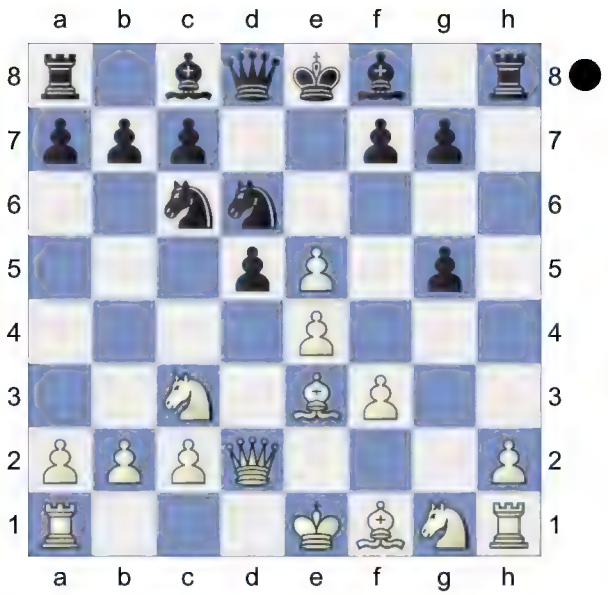
20 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3034**
■ **Weiawaga** **2755**
Rapid 26.07.2024
[TA]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
Arsovic,G: 'Inf 109/1' **1.g4**
[1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d4 7.c3 c5 8.Qe1 Nc6 9.Na3 Nd5 10.Bd2 b6 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.c4 Nc7 13.b4 Nxb4 14.Nxb4 cxb4 15.Bxb4 b5 Swiercz,D (2501)-Grachev,B (2667) Lublin 2010 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Goran] ½-½ (41)]
1...d5 2.e3 Nc6N
[2...e5 3.Bg2 c6 *(3...Nc6 4.h3 Bc5 5.Ne2 Nge7 6.d4 Bb6 7.Nbc3 h5 8.gxh5 Rxh5 9.Ng3 Rh4 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxd5 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Rxh3 13.Bxh3 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.Ke2 Rd8 16.a3 g6 17.e4 Ne7 18.Bg5* Erigaisi,A (2702)-Bethke,R (2382) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (50)*)* 4.d3 Bd6 5.h3 Ne7 6.Nc3 f5 7.gxf5 Nxf5 8.Nf3 Nh4 9.Nxh4 Qxh4 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Rf1 Nf6 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Rg1 Rf7 15.Rdf1 Raf8 16.Nd1 Nh5 17.Be1 Jobava,B (2588)-Dvirnyy,D (2492) Warsaw 2021 CBM 205 Extra [MH] 0-1 (48)]
3.d4 Nf6 4.g5 Ne4 5.f3 Nd6!
[5...Nxg5 6.h4 Ne6 7.c4=]
6.Nc3 h6 7.e4

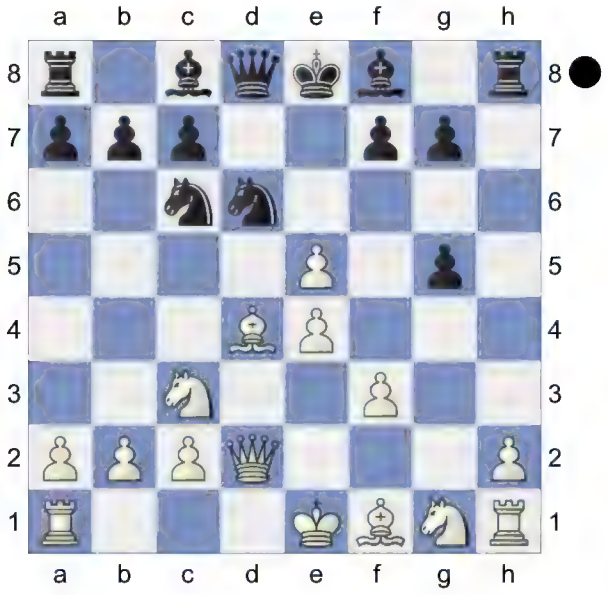


e6 8.Be3 Black is better. **8...hxg5 9.Qd2 e5** -0.40/21
[9...dxe4∓ -0.80/19 10.fxe4 f6]
10.dxe5!∓
[Much worse is 10.exd5 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Qxd4 Qe7+ 13.Kd2 Nf5∓]

(Diagram)



10...d4! 11.Bxd4

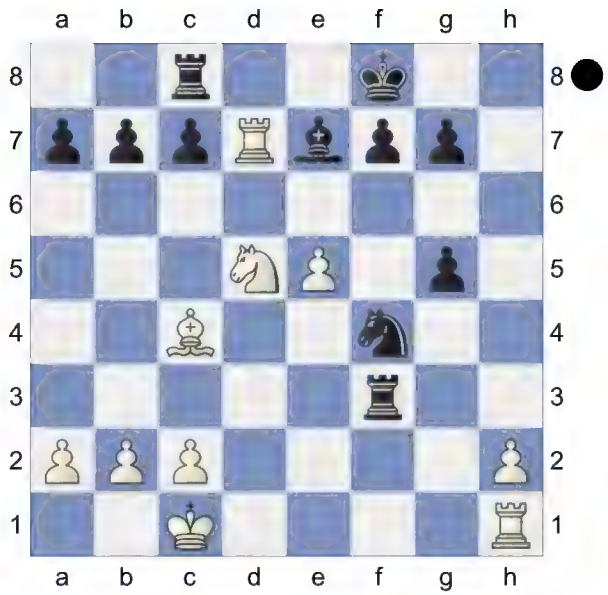


Nxe4 Decoy **12.Nxe4** Bb5 is the strong threat. **12...Qxd4 13.Qxd4 Nxd4 14.0-0-0 Ne6 15.Bc4 Be7 16.Ne2 Kf8 17.N2c3 Nf4! 18.Nd6** -0.68/23 **Rh3** -0.37/22

[⌓18...Be6 -0.68/23 19.Bxe6 cxd6 20.exd6 Nxe6 21.dxe7+ Kxe7]

19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.Rd7 Rxf3 21.Nd5

(Diagram)



Inhibits Re3. **21...Rd8! 22.Rxe7 Nxd5 23.Bxd5** Remove Defender **23...Rxd5 24.Rxc7 Rxe5 25.Rxb7** Endgame KRR-KRR **25...a6 26.Rb8+ Ke7 27.Rb7+ Kf6 28.Rb6+ Re6 29.Rxe6+ Kxe6** KR-KR **30.Rg1 f6 31.Rg2 Rf4 32.b3 g4 33.c4 f5** The position is equal. **34.Kd2 Rf3 35.Re2+ Kd6 36.Re3! Rf2+ 37.Re2 Rf1 38.Re1** Inhibits Ra1. **38...Rxe1 39.Kxe1=** KP-KP **39...Kc5 40.Kf2 f4 41.Ke1 Kd4 42.Ke2 a5 43.Ke1 f3 44.Kf1 Kc5**

[44...Ke3? 45.c5+-]

45.Kf2 Kc6 46.Ke3 Kd6 47.Kd3 Kc5 48.Ke3 g6 49.Kd3 a4 50.bxa4 Kb4 51.a3+ Kxa4 K3P-K3P

[51...Kxa3 52.c5 Kb4 53.c6 Kc5 54.c7 Kd6 55.c8Q Ke5 56.Qxg4]

52.Ke3 Ka5 53.Kf2 Ka4 54.Kg1 Ka5

[54...Kxa3 55.c5 Kb4 56.c6 Kc5 57.c7 g3 58.c8Q+ Kb5 59.hxg3]

55.Kf2 Ka4 56.Kf1 Ka5

[56...Kxa3 57.c5 Kb3 58.c6 Kc3 59.c7 Kd4 60.c8Q g3 61.Qg4+ Ke3 62.Qxg3]

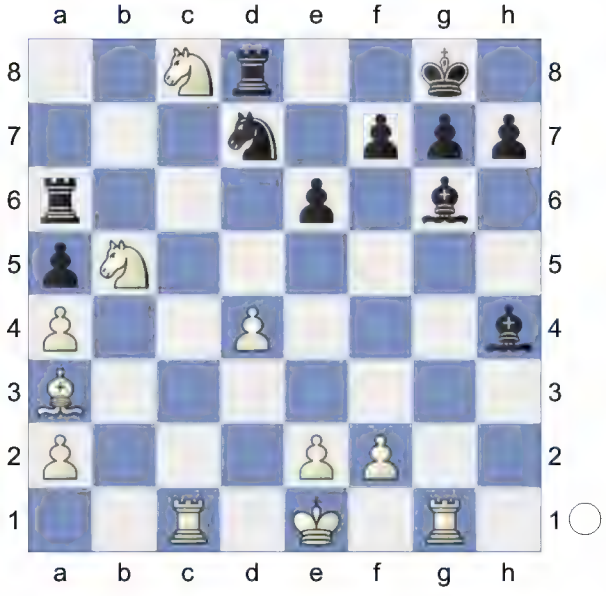
57.Kg1 Kb6 Threatens to win with ... Kc5. **58.a4! g5 59.Kf1 Kc5 60.a5 Kc6**

[60...Kxc4 61.a6 Kd5 62.a7 Ke5 63.a8Q Kd4 64.Qd8+ Ke5 65.Qxg5+ Kd6 66.Qxg4]
61.Ke1 Kc5 62.Kf1 Kc6
[62...Kxc4 63.a6 Kd5 64.a7 Ke5 65.a8Q Kd6 66.Qd8+ Ke5 67.Qxg5+ Ke6 68.Qxg4+ Kf6 69.h4]
63.Kg1 Kd6 64.a6 White threatens a7 and mate. **64...Kc7**
[64...Kc6!? 65.c5 Kc7=]
65.c5! Kc6 66.Kf2 Kc7 67.Kg3 Kc6 68.Kf2 Kc7 69.Kg1 Kc6 70.Kf1 Kc7 71.Kf2 Kc6 72.Kg1 Kc7 73.Kf2 Kc6 74.Kf1 Kc7 75.Ke1 Kc6 76.Kd2 Kc7
[76...Kxc5 77.a7 Kd6 78.a8Q Kc5 79.Qa5+ Kd4 80.Qxg5 g3 81.Qxg3]
77.Ke3 Kc6 78.Kd2 Kc7
[78...Kxc5 79.a7 Kd6 80.a8Q f2 81.Qf8+ Ke6 82.Qxf2 Kd6 83.Kd3]
79.Ke1 Kc6 80.Kd1 Kc7
[80...Kxc5 leads to mate. 81.a7 Kd6 82.a8Q Ke7 83.Qe4+ Kf7 84.Ke1 Kf8 85.Qxg4]
81.Kd2 Kc6 82.Ke1 Kc7 83.Kf1 Kc6 84.Kg1 Kc7 85.Kf1 Kc6 86.Ke1 Kc7 87.Kd2 Kc6 88.Kd3 Kc7 89.Ke3 Kc6 90.Kd3 Kc7 91.Kd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

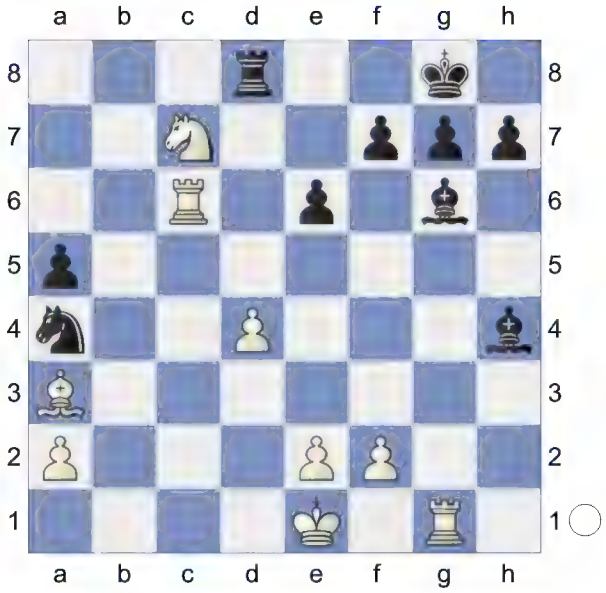
21 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3023**
■ **InanisBot** **2554**
Rapid 10.08.2024
[TA]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6
[3...c6 4.Qb3 Qd7 5.cxd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.d3 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 14.Kd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc3 Rhe8 18.h4 Nakamura,H (2749)-Mamedyarov,S (2817) Chess.com INT 2019 CBM 189 Extra [MH] ½-½ (43)]
[3...dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 Bh5 7.Qa4 e5 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nh3 e4 13.0-0-0 exf3 14.Rhg1 fxe2 15.Rde1 Ne5 16.Qb5 a6 17.Qa5 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Mikaelyan,A (2521)-Di Berardino,D (2479) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1]
4.cxd5 c6 5.h3N
[5.Nc3 Bd7 *(5...e5 6.dxe6 Bxe6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.e4 Nb6 9.Nge2 Qd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 Bh3 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Nf4 Qg4+ 14.Qxg4 Nxg4 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rfd1 Rhd8 17.a4 a5 18.Rab1 Rd7 19.b4 Rad8 20.h3* Keres,P-Niemann,J corr 1934 UltraCorr3a [P. Keres,Kitty Kat] 1-0*)* 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.d4 e6 8.e4 exd5 9.exd5 Be7 10.Bf4 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 13.Bxf7+ Kf8 14.Rc1 Be8 15.Be6 Qd8 16.d5 Nd4 17.Qxb7 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Qa5+ 19.Rc3 Rd8 Grob,H-Meier,R corr Switzerland 1942 OM Corr 202003 [H. Grob,Kitty Kat] 1-0 (44)]
5...Bh5
[5...Bf5!? 6.dxc6 Nxc6∓]
6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Qc7 15.Rc1 Rac8** -0.42/19
[Black should play 15...Rab8∓ -0.75/20 Strongly threatening ...Rb4. 16.Na4 Nd5]
16.Rg1∓ Qa5 17.h4 c5
[17...e5!?]

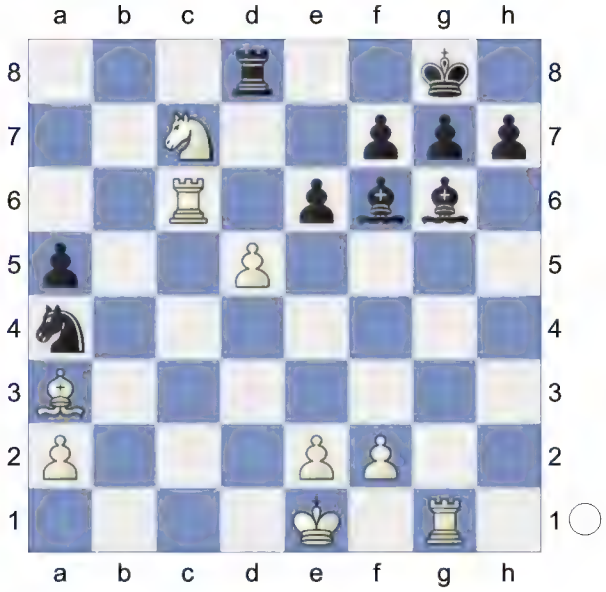
18.Qa4 Qb6 19.Nb5 Be7 20.Ne5 a5 0.36/22
[20...Kf8= -0.19/21]
21.Nc4± Qc6 22.Na7 Pair of Knights!
22...Qxa4 23.bxa4 Rc7 24.Nb5 Rcc8 0.59/23
[24...Rc6= 0.23/24 was preferrable.]
25.Be5 Ra8 Against Na7 **26.Bc7↑** White fights for an advantage. **26...Re8 27.Be5** 0.01/21
[27.Bd6± 0.65/21 Nd5 28.Bxe7 Rxe7 29.f3]
27...Red8!= 28.Bc7 -0.01/22
[28.Bd6± 0.59/22 Nd5 29.Bxe7 Nxe7 30.Ncd6]
28...Re8! 29.Bd6 And now Nc7 would win. **29...Bd8 30.Bxc5 Nd7** 0.94/22 Against Ne5. Black is on the road to losing.
[30...e5± 0.63/21]
31.d4± Ra6 1.43/22
[⌓31...e5 0.93/21]
32.Ncd6 Rf8 33.Ba3 0x0.00264b4ecfccdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **33...Bxh4 34.Nc8! Rd8**



35.Nc7 Prevents Ra8. **35...Rb6**
[35...Rc6 36.Rxc6]
36.Nxb6 Nxb6 37.Rc6 Nxa4 2.21/23
[37...Nd7 1.62/23 was called for. 38.Ra6 Bf6]



38.d5!+- Bf6

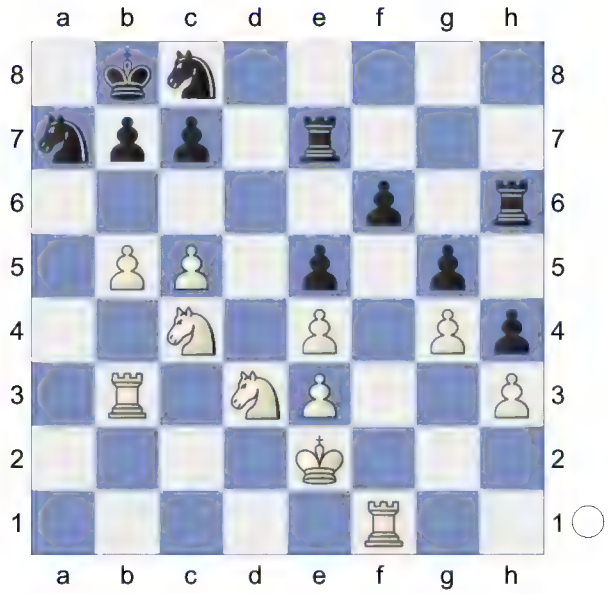


39.d6
[Inferior is 39.dxe6 Bc3+ 40.Rxc3 *(40.Kf1 Rd1+ 41.Kg2 Be4+ 42.Kh3 Rxg1∓)* 40...Nxc3∓]
39...Nc3 40.Bb2 Nxa2 41.Bxf6 gxf6 42.f3 Nb4 43.Rb6 White has strong compensation. **43...Nc2+** 3.17/23
[⌓43...Nd5 2.09/24 44.Nxd5 exd5]

44.Kf2 a4? 6.86/23
[44...Kg7 3.08/23 45.Ra6 Kf8]
45.Rgb1 Black must now prevent Rb8.
45...Kg7 46.Rb8 Rxb8 47.Rxb8 Endgame Intending d7 and mate. KRN-KBN **47...Nd4 48.Rc8** White wants to mate with Ne8+. **48...Nxf3 49.exf3** White mates. **49...Kh6 50.d7 Kh5 51.d8Q f5 52.Ne8 f6 53.Qxf6 Bxe8 54.Rc1 Bd7 55.Rh1#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

22 **A00**
□ **ToromBot** **3023**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2483**
Blitz 27.07.2024
[TA]

Blitz 3min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.e4 Nc6 3.h3 e5 4.d3 dxe4 5.dxe4 Qxd1+ 6.Kxd1 Bc5 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 Black is slightly better.
8...Be6 Inhibits Bc4. **9.Nf3 0-0-0+ 10.Nbd2 f6** Against Ng5 **11.Bb5 Nge7 12.a3 g5** -0.37/23
[Better is 12...a6 -0.70/19 13.Bd3 g5]
13.Be2!∓ h5 -0.31/24
[13...Kb8∓ -0.71/21]
14.Nh2 -0.69/23
[⌓14.gxh5 -0.31/24 Kb8 15.Ke1]
14...h4 15.Rf1 Rh6 16.Bd3 Rd6 -0.06/22
[16...Kb8∓ -0.45/20 might be stronger.]
17.Ke2 Nb8 18.b4 Nbc6 19.c4 Rd7 20.Nhf3 Kb8 21.c5 Nd8 22.Ne1 Bf7 23.Rc1 Ndc6 0.79/23
[23...Be8± 0.43/23]
24.Bb5± Black is now going downhill.
24...a6 25.Bc4 Bxc4+ 26.Nxc4 Ka7 1.71/24
[26...Nd8± 0.81/24 was necessary.]
27.Nd3+- Kb8 28.Rf2 Rd8 29.a4 Na7 2.10/24
[29...Re8± 1.60/21 30.Rcf1 Ng8]
30.Rb1
[But not 30.Rcf1?! Ng8±]
30...Re8 31.b5 axb5 32.axb5 Nec8 33.Rb3 Re6 34.Rf1 Re7? 4.83/24
[34...Rh8 2.65/25 35.b6 Nc6]



35.b6 Nxb6 36.cxb6 Nc8 37.Nb4 Nxb6 38.Nxb6 cxb6 39.Nd5 Prevents Rc7. **39...Re6 40.Rxb6 Rxb6 41.Nxb6** Endgame KRN-KR **41...Rh7 42.Nd5 b5 43.Rxf6 Ra7 44.Rf8+ Kb7 45.Rf7+ Kb8 46.Rxa7 Kxa7** KN-KP **47.Kd3 Kb8 48.Nb4 Kc7 49.Kc3 Kd7 50.Nd3 Kd6 51.Kb4 Kc6 52.Nxe5+** KN-K3P **52...Kd6 53.Nd3 Kc6 54.Nc5 Kd6 55.Kxb5** KN-KPP **55...Kc7 56.e5 Kd8 57.Kc6 Ke7 58.e6 Ke8 59.Kd6 Kd8 60.e7+ Ke8 61.Ne6** White mates. **61...Kf7 62.Kd7 Kf6 63.e8Q Ke5 64.Nf4+ Kf6 65.Nh5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.

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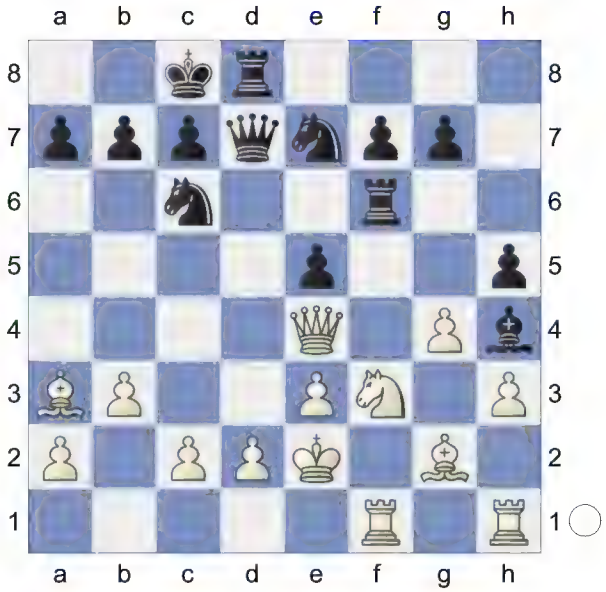
1-0

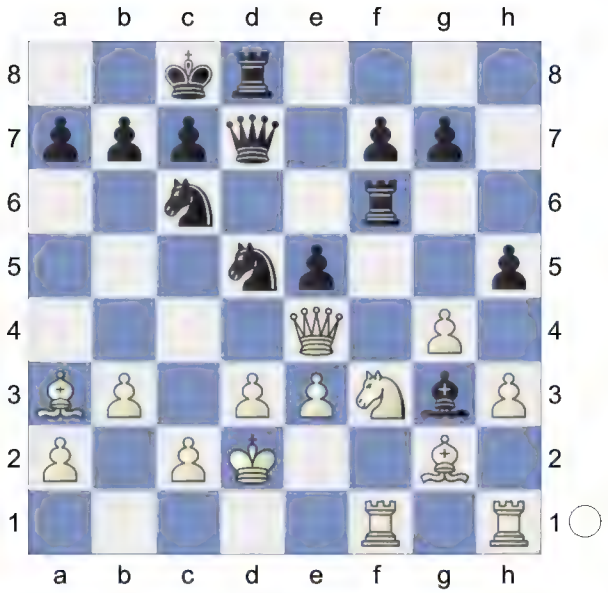
23 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3021**
■ **InanisBot** **2545**
Rapid 02.08.2024
[TA]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.e3
[3.c4 e6 4.h3 h5 5.gxh5 Nf6 6.h6 Rxh6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.d3 Rg6 9.Kf1 Nh5 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.d4 e5 14.e4 Qf6 15.Nxe5 Ng3+ 16.Kg1 Nxh1 17.Nxg6 Nxf2 Nakamura,H (2780)-Yu, Y (2720) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [MH] 0-1 (54)]
3...e5 4.Nc3N
[4.h3 Nf6 *(4...Bc5 5.Ne2 Nge7 6.d4 Bb6 7.Nbc3 h5 8.gxh5 Rxh5 9.Ng3 Rh4 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxd5 Bxh3 12.Rxh3 Rxh3 13.Bxh3 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.Ke2 Rd8 16.a3 g6 17.e4 Ne7 18.Bg5 Nc4 19.b3* Erigaisi,A (2702)-Bethke,R (2382) Chess.com INT 2023 EXT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (50)) 5.d4 Bd6 6.Nc3 e4 7.Nge2 Be6 8.Nf4 Ne7 9.Nb5 Bb4+ 10.c3 Ba5 11.Qa4 c6 12.Nd6+ Qxd6 13.Qxa5 g5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qb4 Qxb4 16.cxb4 h5 17.gxh5 Rxh5 18.Bd2 Nf5 Niemann,H (2637)-Ivic,V (2625) Chess.com INT 2022 EXT 2023 [MH] ½-½ (38)]
4...d4 5.Ne4 dxe3 6.fxe3 Be6 7.b3 Qd7 8.h3 Black is slightly better. **8...h5 9.Ng5 Be7!**
[Much weaker is 9...hxg4?! 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Qxg4=]
10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Qf3 Bh4+ -0.39/21
[Black should try 11...0-0-0∓ -0.89/21 12.g5 f5 13.gxf6 Nxf6]
12.Ke2∓ Nge7 Inhibits Qf5. ...f5 is the strong threat. **13.Ba3! Rh6** -0.01/22
[13...0-0∓ -0.71/20 And now ...f5 would win. 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Qxb7 Rab8 16.Qxa7 hxg4 17.hxg4 Qxg4+ 18.Bf3 Qg5]
14.Rf1= Rf6 15.Qe4 Hoping for Nf3.
15...0-0-0 1.12/24
[15...Rxf1!= -0.12/21 keeps the balance. 16.Bxf1 0-0-0]
16.Nf3!± Qd7 1.08/24
[⌓16...Bg3 1.40/23]

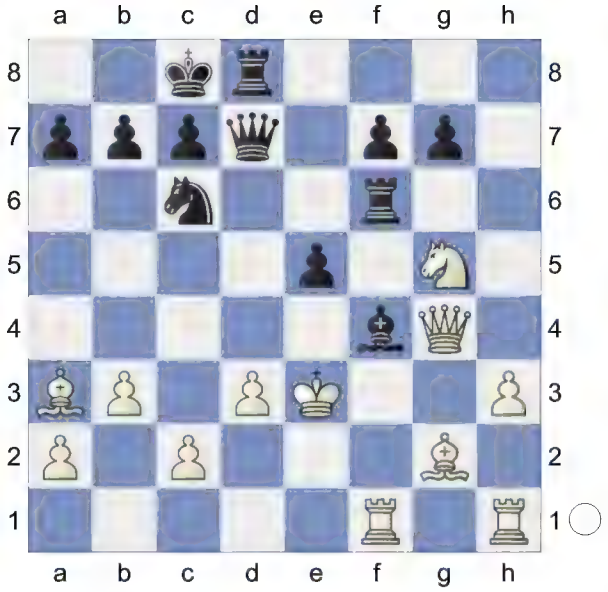


17.d3!
[Of course not 17.d4?! Nd5 18.Nxe5 Nc3+ 19.Kd3 Nxe4∓]
17...Nd5 18.Kd2 Inhibits Nc3. **18...Bg3**

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Nxe3!
19.Ng5! hxg4 20.Qxg4 Nxe3 21.Kxe3
[Resist 21.Qxg3?! Nxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Rxf1 23.Bxf1 f6±]
21...Bf4+



22.Rxf4! Rxf4

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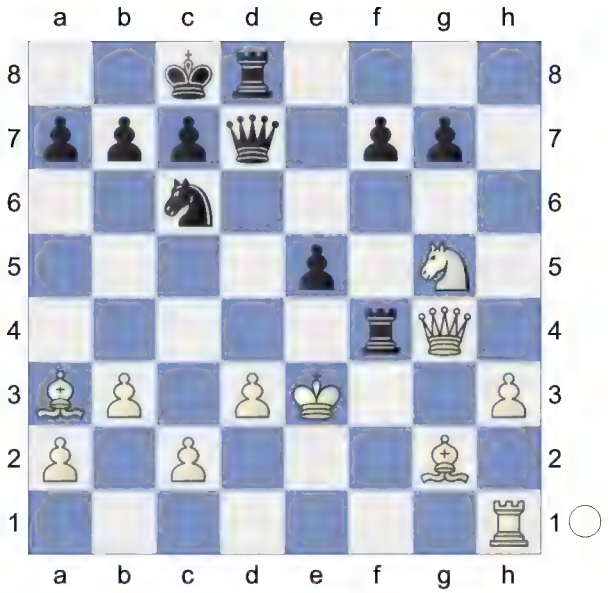
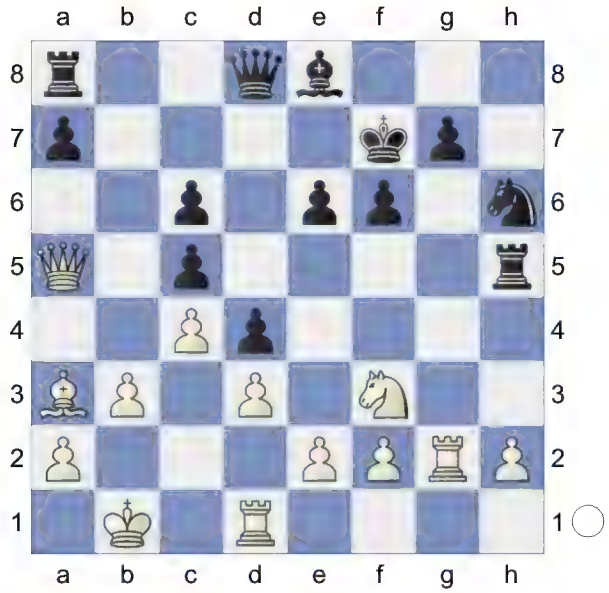


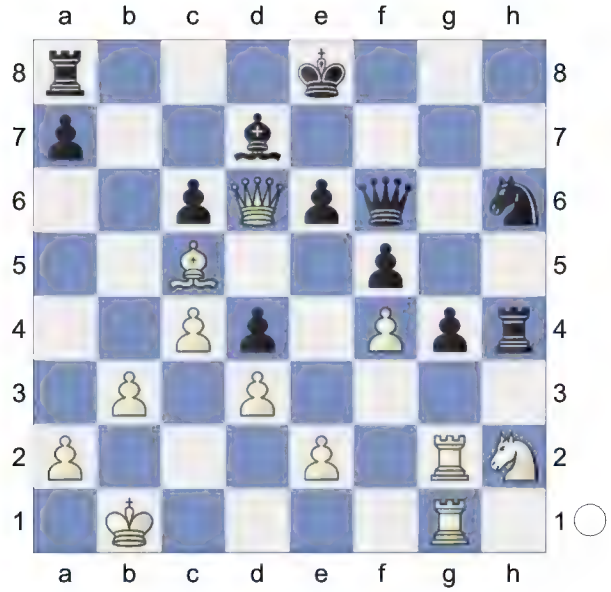
23.Bxc6! The board is on fire. **23...bxc6 24.Qxd7+ Kxd7 25.Nf3 Rf5 26.h4** &Bianco is more active. **26...f6** 1.68/25
[26...Rh8± 1.36/24]
27.Rg1+- Rg8 28.Bc1 Rh5 29.Rg4 a6 30.Ke2 Ke6 31.Be3 Rh7 32.Ra4 Ra8 33.Nd2 Rhh8 34.Bf2 Rhb8 35.Rg4 Rg8 36.Rc4 Kd7 37.Rc5 Rgb8 38.a4 Re8 39.Ra5 Ke7 40.Ne4 Reb8 41.Nc5 Rb6 42.Kd2 Kd6 43.d4 exd4 44.Bg3+ Ke7 45.Bxc7 Rb4 46.Rxa6 Rxa6 47.Nxa6 Rb7 48.Bg3 Kf7 49.Nc5 Ra7 50.h5 Ra8 51.b4 d3 52.cxd3 g5 53.hxg6+ Kg7 54.a5 Kxg6 55.Ke3 Kg5 56.Kf3 Kh5 57.a6 Kg5 58.Bc7 f5 59.Be5 f4 60.Bxf4+ Kg6 61.Ke4 Kh5 62.Bc7 Re8+ 63.Kd4 Ra8 64.Ke5 Kg4 65.Kd6 White mates. **65...Rg8 66.Kxc6 Kh3 67.b5 Kg4 68.b6 Rg6+ 69.Bd6 Rg7 70.a7 Kf3 71.a8Q Rh7 72.b7 Rh1 73.b8Q Rh7 74.Qb2 Re7 75.Qg8 Rg7 76.Qgxg7 Ke3 77.Qg3#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.23 (precise)
1-0

24 **A00**
□ **torombot** **3019**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2440**
Blitz 25.08.2024
[TA]

Blitz 3min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 c5 2.d3 d5 3.g5 e6 4.c4 Bd6 5.Nc3 d4 6.Ne4 h6 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.gxh6 The position is equal. **8...Nxh6 9.Qa4 Kf8** 0.18/20
[⌓9...Ng4 -0.18/20]
10.Nxd6= Qxd6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qa5 f6 13.b3 Ng4 1.03/23
[13...Nf7± 0.34/22]
14.Ba3± Black is on the road to losing.
14...Rh5
[14...Rxh2? 15.Bxc5! Rxh1 16.Bxd6++-]
15.Nf3 Bd7 16.Rg1 Nh6 17.0-0-0 Kf7 18.Kb1 Be8 19.Rg2 Qd8



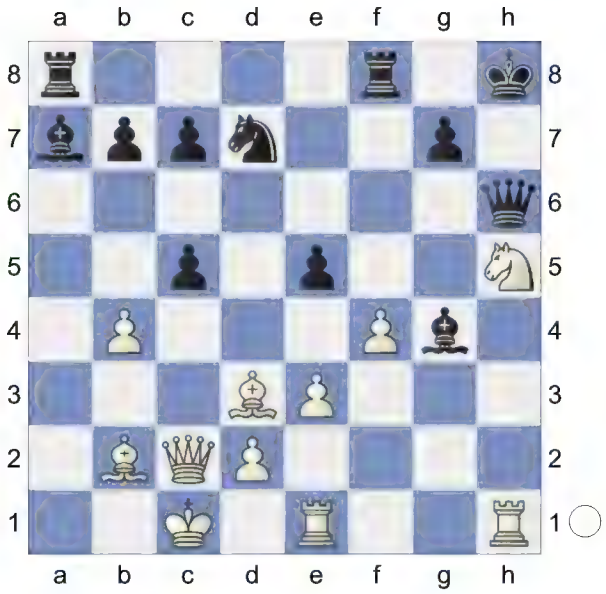
20.Qd2 Qd6 2.65/24
[⌓20...Kg8 1.62/21 21.Rdg1 Nf5 22.Bxc5 e5]
21.Rdg1+- g5 22.h4 g4 23.Nh2 f5 24.Qa5 Bd7 25.Bxc5 Qe5 26.f4 Qf6 27.Qc7 Ke8 28.Qd6
[Less strong is 28.Qb7 Qd8 29.Bxd4 *(29.Bxa7 Rc8+-)* 29...Qb8 30.Qxb8+ Rxb8 31.Bxa7 Rb7+-]
28...Rxh4



29.Nf3! Rh5
[29...Rh3 30.Ng5]
30.Ne5 Rd8 31.Qc7 a6 32.Qa7 Qg7 33.Bxd4 Qh7 34.Bb6 Rc8 35.Bc5 Against Qe7 **35...Rh3 36.e4 fxe4 37.dxe4 Rd8 38.Kb2 g3 39.Rxg3 Rxg3 40.Rxg3 Nf7 41.Ka3 Nxe5 42.fxe5** Qc7 would kill now. **42...Kf7 43.Qc7 Qh4 44.Rd3** 12.91/24
[⌓44.Rf3+ 26.76/24 Kg7 45.Rf6]
44...Kg8 45.Rxd7 Rxd7 46.Qxd7 White threatens Qe8+ and mate. **46...Qg4 47.Qe8+ Kh7 48.Qf7+ Qg7 49.Qxe6 Qg5 50.Qf7+ Qg7 51.e6 a5 52.Bd4 Qxf7 53.exf7** KB-KPP. White mates. **53...Kh6 54.f8Q+ Kh5 55.Qf5+ Kh6 56.Bf6 c5 57.Qg5+ Kh7 58.Qg7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.51
1-0

25 **A00**
□ **ToromBot** **3018**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2485**
Blitz 26.07.2024
[TA]

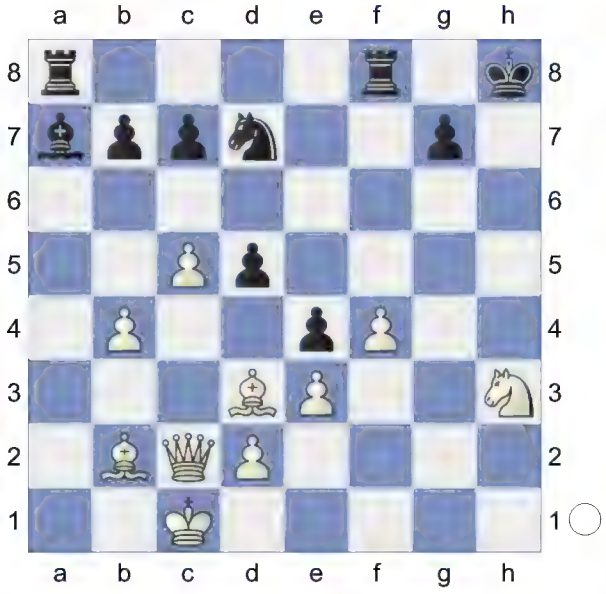
Blitz 3min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.c4 Bc5N
[2...c6 3.Bg2 d6 4.e3 h5 5.gxh5 Qh4 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.exd4 Rxh5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Nge2 Bh3 11.Bf3 Bg4 12.Bxg4 Nxg4 13.h3 Nf6 14.Ng3 Rh8 15.Be3 Nbd7 16.Ke2 0-0-0 17.Kf3 Vachier Lagrave,M (2795)-Xiong,J (2652) Chess.com INT 2017 EXT 2018 [MH] 1-0 (61)]
[2...d6 3.e3 g6 4.h4 h5 5.g5 Bg7 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 0-0 10.b3 f6 11.gxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne4 Nf5 13.f3 Nxh4 14.fxg4 Nxg2+ 15.Kf2 Nh4 16.Kg3 d5 17.Ba3 Carlsen,M (2856)-Gabdrakhmanov,A (2319) Chess.com INT 2022 EXT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (32)]
3.Nf3 d6 4.Rg1 Nf6 5.h3 Ne4 6.e3! 0-0 7.a3 Bb6 8.b4 Black has an edge.
8...Be6 9.Qc2 Ng5 10.Nxg5 Qxg5 11.Nc3 Qh4 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.Bb2 f5 14.Ng3 fxg4 15.hxg4 Qf6 0.47/21
[15...Bxg4? 16.Rh1 Qf6 17.Qxh7+ Kf7 18.Ne4+-]
[15...g6= -0.19/19]
16.0-0-0± Bxg4
[16...Qxf2 17.Bd3 h6 18.g5 Bxe3 19.dxe3+-]
17.Re1 Bd3 is the strong threat. **17...a5** 1.65/21
[17...Qxf2? 18.Bd3±]
[Black should try 17...Bf3± 0.69/20]
18.Bd3 0.88/22
[White should play 18.c5!+- 1.65/21 Black must now prevent Ne4. axb4 19.axb4 *(19.cxb6 bxa3 20.Ba1 Nxb6=)* 19...dxc5 20.Ne4]
18...h5±
[18...Qxf2? 19.c5 axb4 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.axb4 Bxc5 22.bxc5+-]
19.c5! axb4 20.axb4 Strongly threatening Rh1. Dancing on a razor blade.
[Reject 20.cxb6 bxa3 21.Ba1 *(21.bxc7? axb2+ 22.Qxb2 Nc5-+)* 21...Nxb6=]
20...Ba7? 2.64/21 This move loses the game for Black.
[20...dxc5± 1.00/21 21.Ne4 Qh6]
21.f4+- aiming for Ne4. **21...Kh8** 3.45/24
[21...dxc5? 22.Ne4 Qh6 23.Nf2+-]
[⌓21...d5 2.20/18 22.Be2 g6 23.fxe5 Qe6 24.Bxg4 hxg4]
22.Rh1 h4 4.94/20
[22...dxc5? 23.Nxh5 Qh6



24.Nxg7!+-]
[⌓22...Qh6 3.29/22 23.Nf5 Qe6]
23.Reg1 h3 7.95/20
[⌓23...Bf3 5.01/20 24.Nf5 Bxh1]
24.Ne4! Qh4

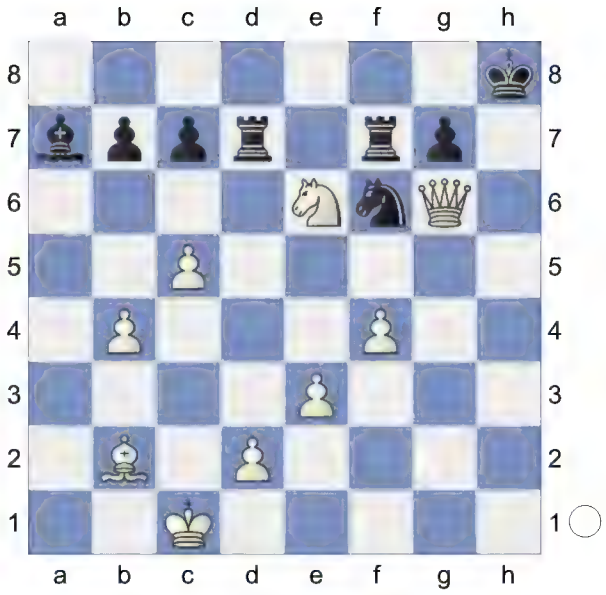
(Diagram)

25.Rxg4! Qxg4 26.Ng5 d5 27.Rxh3+ Qxh3 28.Nxh3 And now Qd1 would win. **28...e4**



29.Bxe4! dxe4 30.Qxe4 Nf6 31.Qg6 White threatens Ng5 and mate. **31...Rad8 32.Ng5** Threatening mate with Bxf6. **32...Rd7 33.Ne6 Rff7**

(Diagram)



34.Nxg7! Rxg7 35.Bxf6 Pin **35...c6 36.f5 Rde7 37.Bxg7+ Rxg7** KQ-KRB **38.Qe6 Rg1+ 39.Kc2 Kh7 40.f6 b5 41.f7 Rf1 42.Qh3+ Kg7 43.Qxf1 Kf8 44.Qf5** 13.83/5

[⌓44.Qf6 #5/13 Bb8 45.Qg6 Be5 46.Qg8+ Ke7 47.f8Q+ Kd7 48.Qgf7#]

44...Bb8 45.Qh7 White mates. **45...Ke7 46.Qg8 Kd7 47.f8Q Kc7 48.Qff7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.68

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26 **A00**

□ **RaspFish** **3016**

■ **InanisBot** **2547**

Rapid 05.08.2024

[TA]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6

[3...d4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.h4 Ngf6 4) 1.b4 & 1.g4-1.g4 #5 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024]

4.cxd5 c6 5.h3N

[5.Qb3 Qb6 6.dxc6 Qxb3 7.cxb7 Qxb7 8.Bxb7 Wall Kubasek,T Grob's Opening (1.g4)]

5...Bh5 6.dxc6! Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Qa5 15.Rg1 Rab8 16.Rc1 Rb4** -0.01/22

[Black should try 16...Nd5∓ -0.71/21 ...Rb4 is the strong threat. 17.Qa4 Qxa4 18.Nxa4 Nb4]

17.Qxc6= Qh5 0.30/22

[⌓17...h6 -0.01/21]

18.Nd1 Ne8 19.Ne3 Qxh3 20.Nc4 Bf8 21.Nfe5 Nd6 1.11/24

[21...Rbb8± 0.47/21]

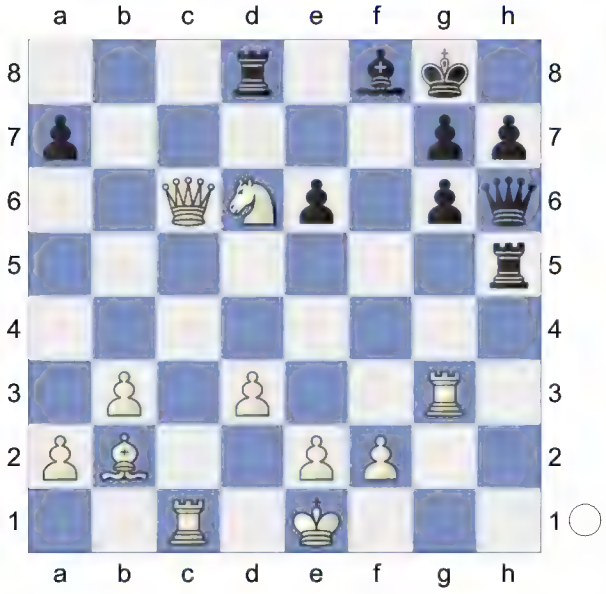
22.Nxg6 0.40/23

[22.Rh1± 1.11/24 Qf5 23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Qe8]

22...fxg6± 23.Rg3 Qh6 Hoping for ... Nxc4. **24.d3 Rb5** 0.92/23

[24...Rbb8± 0.36/21]

25.Nxd6± Rh5



26.Kd1! Bxd6 27.Rc4 Strongly threatening Qe4. **27...Rh1+** 1.43/22

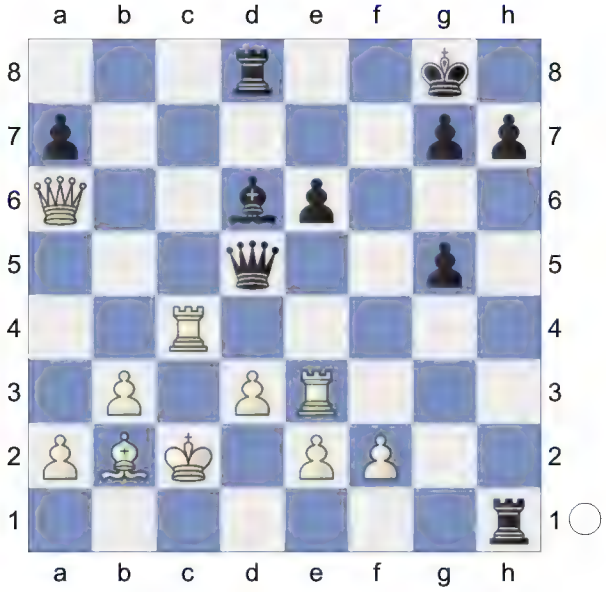
[⌓27...Rf5 0.74/23]

28.Kc2 And now Rd4 would win. Active counter play! **28...Qh5**

[28...Bxg3 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Rc8]

29.Re3 Qd5 30.Qa6 Threatens to win with Rc8. **30...g5** 2.29/24

[30...h5± 1.35/23 was necessary. 31.Qxa7 Bf8]



31.Rc8!+-

[Much less strong is 31.Qxa7 e5 32.Qb6 Re8±]

31...Rf8

[31...Bf8? 32.Rxd8 Qxd8 33.Qxe6+ Kh8 34.Qc6+-]

32.Bc3→ White has strong attack. Really sharp! **32...Rf1?** 5.90/25

[32...e5? 33.Rf3 Rh6 34.e4+-]

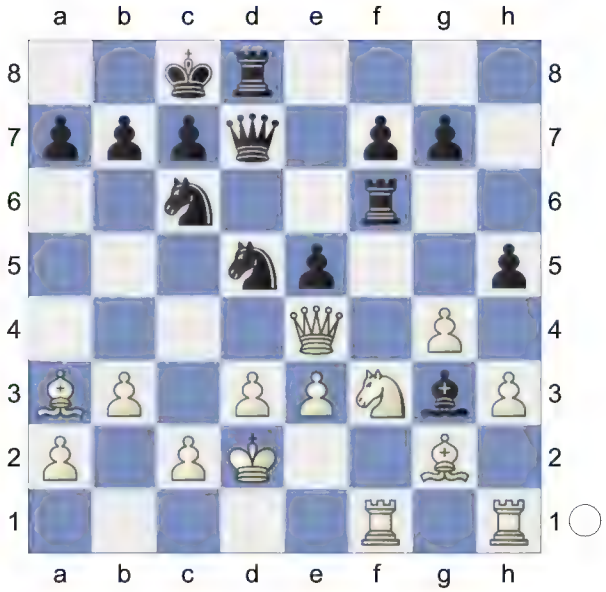
[32...h6 2.09/24 is a better chance. 33.Rxf8+ *(33.Qxa7 e5+-)* 33...Bxf8 34.Rxe6 *(34.Qxe6+ Qxe6 35.Rxe6 h5±)* 34...Rh4]

33.Qxa7 e5 34.Qd7 Qf7 35.Qxf7+ Kxf7 36.Rf3+ Kg8 37.Rfxf8+ Bxf8 Endgame KRB-KRB **38.Bb4 Rxf2 39.Bc5 Rf6 40.a4 h5 41.Rxf8+ Rxf8 42.Bxf8 Kxf8** KP-KP **43.a5 g4 44.a6** White threatens a7 and mate. **44...e4 45.a7** White mates. **45...Kf7 46.a8Q exd3+ 47.Kxd3 g6 48.Ke4 Kf6 49.Qc6+ Kg5 50.Qd6 Kh6 51.Ke5 h4**

52.Qf8+ Kh5 53.Kf4 g5+ 54.Kf5 g3 55.Qh8# Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.56
1-0

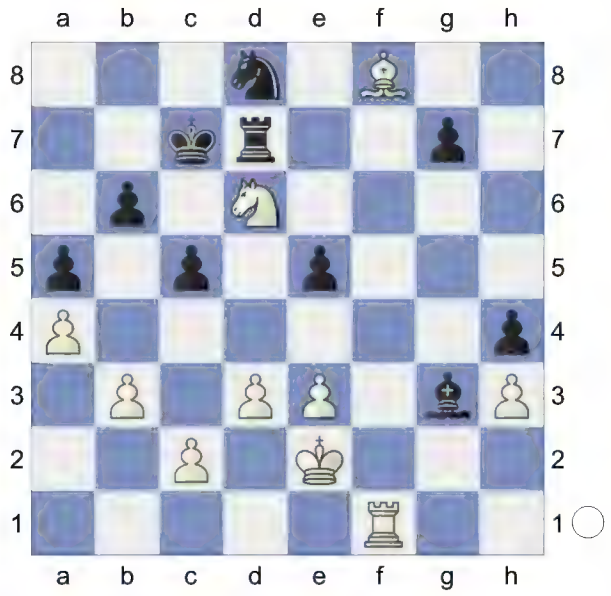
27 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3011**
■ **InanisBot** **2561**
Rapid 01.08.2024
[TA]

Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
* **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6N**
[2...Bxg4 3.c4 c6 *(3...d4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.h4 Ngf6* 4) 1.b4 & 1.g4-1.g4 #5 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024 *)* 4.cxd5 *(4.Qb3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Rb6 10.Qd3 Ng6 11.h3 Be6 12.Nf3 Bd6* Gomez Vasquez,L-Markus,R Game 10 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 4...cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 11.d4 Be7 7 Chapter Fcb-Games Game]
[2...c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 f5 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.gxf5 Bxf5 8.Nxe4 Nf6 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.e4 Bd6 11.N1e2 0-0 12.0-0 Nh5 13.f4 Qh4 14.Nxh5 Bxh5 15.e5 Bc7 A 00/01]
3.e3 e5 4.Nc3 d4 5.Ne4 dxe3 6.fxe3 Be6 7.b3 Qd7 8.h3 Black is slightly better. **8...h5 9.Ng5** -0.84/21
[9.g5!∓ -0.45/20 deserves consideration.]
9...Be7∓
[Of course not 9...hxg4?! 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Qxg4=]
10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Qf3 Bh4+ -0.36/21
[11...g6∓ -0.73/19]
12.Ke2∓ Nge7 Prevents Qf5. Threatens to win with ...f5. **13.Ba3 Rh6** -0.01/20
[13...0-0∓ -0.59/20 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Qxb7 Rab8 16.Qxa7 hxg4 17.hxg4 Qxg4+ 18.Bf3 Qg5]
14.Rf1= Rf6 15.Qe4 aiming for Nf3.
15...0-0-0 1.15/23
[15...Rxf1!= -0.01/22 remains equal. 16.Bxf1 0-0-0]
16.Nf3!± Qd7 1.85/23 **17.d3+-** Dancing on a razor blade.
[Stronger than 17.d4 Nd5 18.Nxe5 Nc3+ 19.Kd3 Nxe4∓]
17...Nd5 And now ...Nc3+ would win.
18.Kd2 Against Nc3 **18...Bg3**



...Nxe3! is the strong threat. **19.Ng5! Rxf1** 1.05/23
[Better is 19...Nxe3 1.36/20 20.Qxe3 Bf4 21.Rxf4 Rxf4]
20.Rxf1± f6 21.Qxd5 Qxd5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.Ne4 h4 24.Bf8 Rd7 25.g5 fxg5 26.Nxg5 Nd8 27.Ke2 b6 28.Ne4 a5 29.a4 &Bianco is more active.
29...c5 2.16/27
[29...Bh2± 1.58/24 was necessary. 30.Ba3 Rf7 31.Rxf7 Nxf7]
30.Nd6+ Kc7 2.12/25
[30...Kb8± 1.53/26 31.Nf5 e4

32.Bxg7 exd3+ 33.cxd3 Nc6]

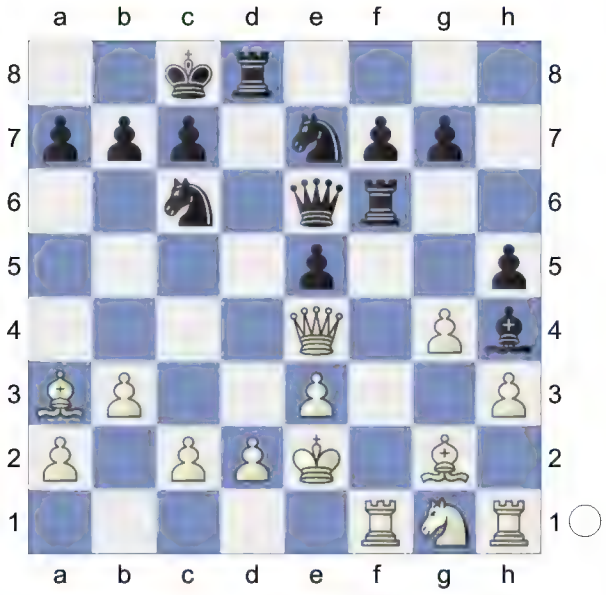


31.Ne8+!+- Kb7 32.Nxg7
[Don't play 32.Bxg7 Ne6]
32...Nc6 33.Ne6 Kb8 34.Ng5 Nb4 35.Kd2 Nd5 36.Ne4 Bh2 37.Rf5 Ka7 38.Rg5 Rf7 39.Rg7 Rxg7 40.Bxg7 Endgame KBN-KBN **40...Bg3?** 5.08/27
[40...Kb7 3.17/26 41.Nd6+ Kc7]
41.Nd6 Ka6 42.c4 Nb4 43.Bf6 Nc6 44.Ke2 Nb4 45.Nf5 Kb7 46.Nxh4 Kc6 47.Nf5 Bh2 48.h4 e4 49.dxe4 Kb7 50.h5 Na2 51.Kd2 Nc1 52.Kxc1 White mates. **52...b5 53.cxb5 Bg3 54.Nxg3 c4 55.h6 c3 56.h7 Kc7 57.h8Q c2 58.Qa8 Kb6 59.Qb8+ Kc5 60.Be7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

28 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3010**
■ **InanisBot** **2551**
Rapid 29.07.2024
[TA]

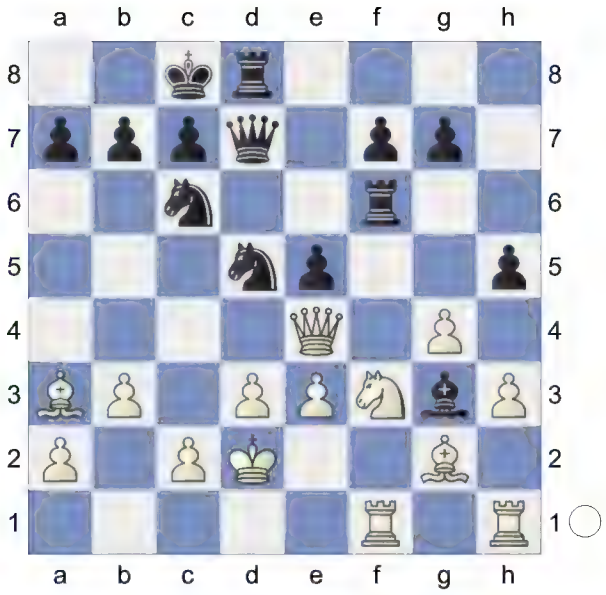
Blitz 8min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
* **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6N**
[2...Bxg4 3.c4 c6 *(3...d4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.h4 Ngf6* 4) 1.b4 & 1.g4-1.g4 #5 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024 *)* 4.cxd5 *(4.Qb3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Rb6 10.Qd3 Ng6 11.h3 Be6 12.Nf3 Bd6* Gomez Vasquez,L-Markus,R Game 10 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 4...cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 11.d4 Be7 7 Chapter Fcb-Games Game]
[2...c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 f5 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.gxf5 Bxf5 8.Nxe4 Nf6 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.e4 Bd6 11.N1e2 0-0 12.0-0 Nh5 13.f4 Qh4 14.Nxh5 Bxh5 15.e5 Bc7 A 00/01]
3.e3 e5 4.Nc3 d4 5.Ne4 dxe3 6.fxe3 Be6 7.b3 -0.96/19
[7.d3∓ -0.60/19 is more appropriate.]
7...Qd7 -0.53/19
[7...Nf6∓ -0.96/19 ...Nxe4 is the strong threat. 8.Nf2 h5 9.gxh5 Rxh5]
8.h3 Black is slightly better. **8...h5 9.Ng5** -0.90/20
[9.g5∓ -0.59/21]
9...Be7∓
[9...hxg4?! 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Qxg4=]
10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Qf3 Bh4+ -0.29/22
[Black should play 11...0-0-0∓ -0.96/22 12.g5 f5 13.gxf6 Nxf6]

12.Ke2= Nge7 Inhibits Qf5. aiming for ... f5. **13.Ba3! Rh6** -0.01/23
[Better is 13...Rd8!∓ -0.52/20]
14.Rf1 Rf6 15.Qe4 And now Nf3 would win. **15...0-0-0** 1.26/25
[15...Rxf1!= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. 16.Bxf1 0-0-0]

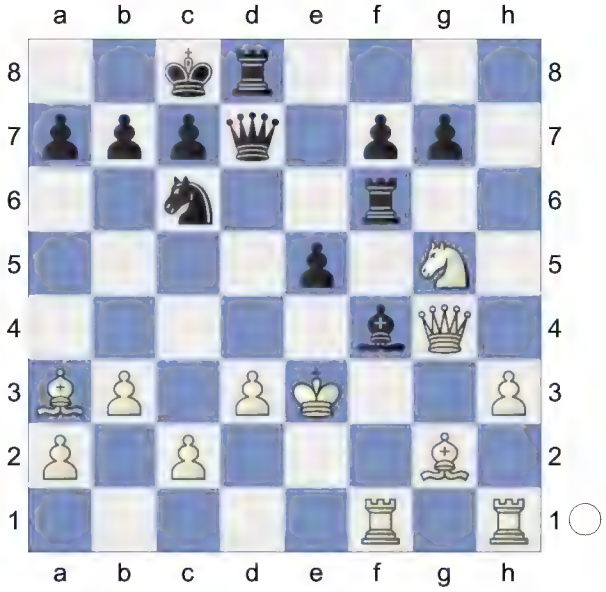


16.Nf3!± Qd7 1.83/24 **17.d3+-**
[17.d4 Nd5 18.Nxe5 Nc3+ 19.Kd3 Nxe4∓]
17...Nd5 18.Kd2 1.41/23 Inhibits Nc3.
[18.Bb2+- 1.84/24 Bg3 19.gxh5 *(19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 Re6=)*]
18...Bg3±

(Diagram)

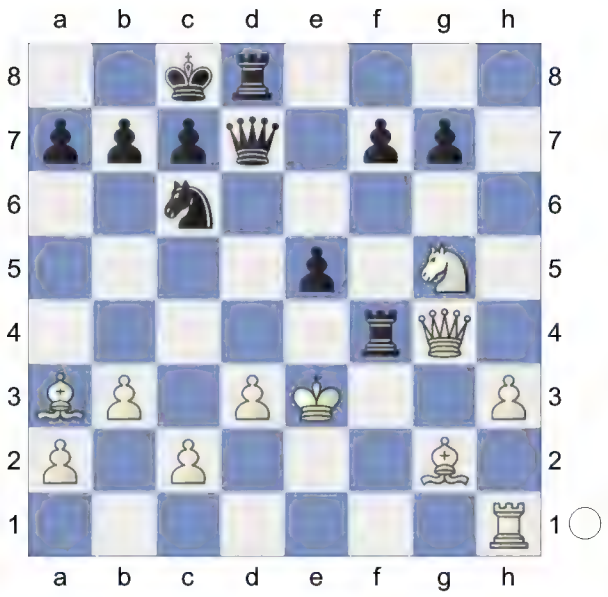


19.Ng5! hxg4 20.Qxg4 Nxe3 21.Kxe3 Bf4+



22.Rxf4! Rxf4

(Diagram)



23.Bxc6! Dancing on a razor blade. **23...bxc6 24.Qxd7+ Kxd7 25.Nf3 Rf5 26.h4** &Bianco is more active. **26...f6 27.Rg1 Rg8 28.Bc1 Rh5 29.Ke2 a6 30.Rg4 Ke6 31.Be3 Rh7 32.Rc4 Kd7 33.Ra4 Ra8 34.Bf2 Rhh8 35.Nd2 Rhb8** 1.95/24

[35...Ke6 1.62/21 might work better. 36.Ne4 a5]

36.Rg4+- Rg8 37.a4 g6 2.23/24

[⌓37...Ke6 1.77/21 38.Nc4 Kf5]

38.Rc4 Rgf8 39.Bg3 Ra7 40.Ne4 Raa8 41.Nc5+ Kc8 3.55/25

[⌓41...Ke7 2.50/22 42.d4 exd4 43.Bxc7 Kf7 44.Rxd4 Rfe8+ 45.Kd3 Re1]

42.Rg4 Rg8 43.d4

[43.h5 g5 44.h6 Rh8+-]

43...f5 44.Rg5 exd4 45.h5

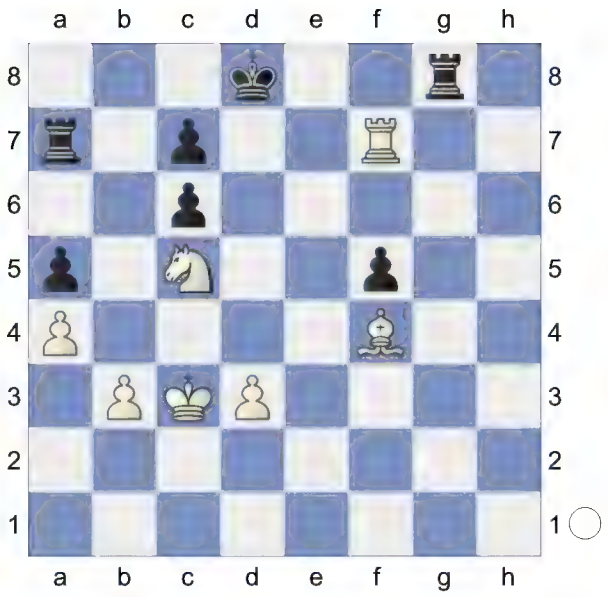
[Don't take 45.Kd3 Kd8 46.h5 Ke7]

45...d3+ 46.cxd3

[But not 46.Kd2 Kd8 47.Nxd3 Ke7+-]

46...Re8+ 47.Kd2 gxh5 48.Rxh5 Rf8 49.Bf4 Ra7 50.Kc3 a5 51.Rh7 Rg8 52.Rf7 Kd8

(Diagram)



53.Bg5+! Kc8 54.Rxf5 Rh8 55.Rf6 Rg8 56.Bf4 Rd8 57.Rxc6 Re8 58.d4 Rf8 59.Be5 Re8 60.Kc4 Re7 61.Rh6 Threatening mate with Rh8+. **61...Re8 62.Kd5** Threatens to win with Kc6. **62...Rf8 63.Kc6 Rg8 64.d5 Kb8 65.Re6** 12.01/23

[⌓65.Rh7 #12/24 Rc8 66.Re7 Ka8 67.Bxc7 Rcxc7+ 68.Rxc7 Ra6+ 69.Kb5 Rh6 70.Rc6]

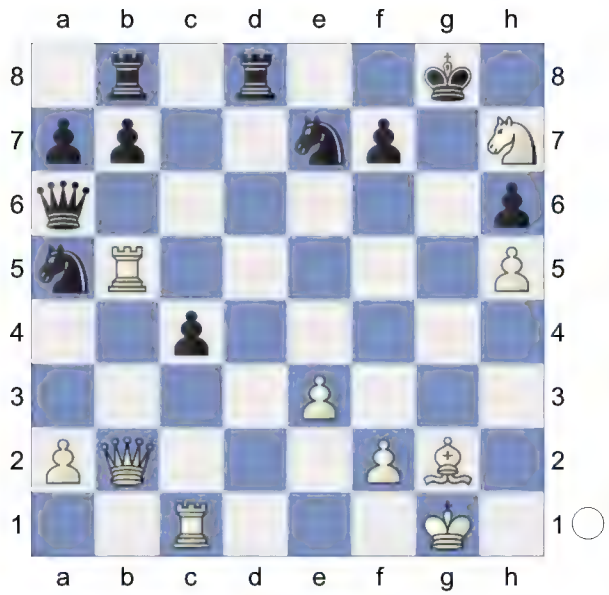
65...Rd8 66.Re7 Rc8 67.Rd7 Ka8 68.Bxc7 Rh8 69.d6 Rg8 70.Re7 Rc8 71.Re6 Rg8 72.d7 Ra6+ 73.Nxa6 White threatens Bb6 and mate. **73...Ka7 74.Nc5** White mates. **74...Rh8 75.Bb6+ Ka8 76.Re8+ Rxe8 77.dxe8Q#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.30

1-0

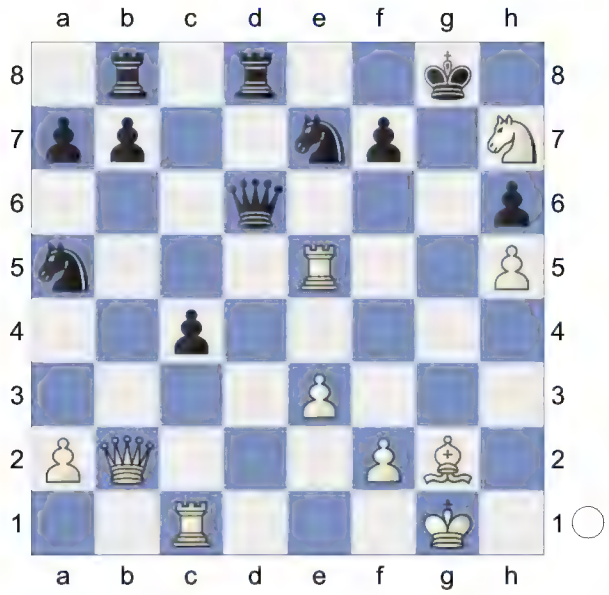
29 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3008**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2479**
Blitz 02.08.2024
[TA]

Blitz 3min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4
[1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.c4 d4 4.d3 c5 5.e4 Nc6 6.Ne2 Bd6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.f4 f5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.h3 Ng6 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ne4 exf4 14.Nxf4 Nxf4 15.Bxf4 Bxf4 11.Ne5 and 12.Nxd7 (2435)-Fletcher,J (2470) USSR 42/(641) 1976 Fritz 12 [Dub Ev Mail 20/12/1894] 1-0 (57)]
1...e5
[1...d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 d4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.h4 Ngf6 4) 1.b4 & 1.g4-1.g4 #5 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024]
2.c4 Bc5N
[2...h5 3.gxh5 Rxh5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.h4 Ng4 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 f5 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Qa4+ c6 16.Nf4 Rh6 17.h5 3.?d2 e5 4.?gf3 ?d6 5.g-Dub,Z Bayern 1986 Inf 54 [Lane, CCYB6] 1-0 (58) Bd7 18.Qb4 Qc7 19.Qd2 0-0-0 20.b4 Kb8 21.a4 d5 22.cxd5 Qe5 23.Ng6 Qd6 24.Rc1 cxd5 25.Rc5 Bc6 26.Qg5 a5 27.bxa5 Be8 28.Nf4 Rf6 29.Rc1 Qb4+ 30.Kf1 Qd2 31.Re1 Bxa4 32.Bf3 Chapter-Games Game 23 (58)]
[2...h6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.h3 Bb4 5.Bg2 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3 7.dxc3 Re8 8.g5 hxg5 9.Bxg5 d6 10.Qc2 Nc6 11.h4 Qd7 12.Bh3 Qe7 13.0-0-0 Bxh3 14.Nxh3 Qe6 15.Rdg1 Kf8 16.h5 Ke7 17.Bh4 25 Chapter-Games Game]
3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nc3 Nge7 5.Bg2 d6 6.g5 0-0 7.h4 Be6 8.d3 Black is slightly better. **8...d5 9.Bd2 dxc4 10.Ne4 Bb6 11.dxc4 Bxc4 12.Qc2 Qd5** -0.26/24
[Better is 12...Bd5∓ -0.84/20 13.h5 f5 14.gxf6 gxf6]
13.Nxe5= Qxe5 14.Qxc4 Qxb2 15.Bc3 A strong pair of Bishops. **15...Ba5 16.0-0!** Chess con chili. **16...Bxc3 17.Nxc3 Qa3 18.Rab1 Rab8 19.Rfc1** White has compensation. **19...Qa5 20.Ne4** Threatens to win with Rb5. **20...Rfd8** 1.29/24
[20...Ng6!= 0.16/21]
21.Rb5!± Qa6 22.e3 Against Rd4. h5 is the strong threat. &Bianco is more active. **22...Na5?** 2.91/23
[22...Ng6± 1.23/21]
23.Qa4+- Nac6 24.Qb3 Na5 25.Qb2 c6 26.Rb4 c5 27.Rb5
[Less strong is 27.Rxc5 Nac6±]
[27.Nxc5 Qd6 28.Rd4 *(28.Bxb7 Nf5±; 28.Nxb7 Nxb7 29.Rxb7 Ng6±)* 28...Qb6 29.Qxb6 axb6±]
27...c4 aiming for ...Nb3! **28.h5!** Black must now prevent h6!
[Don't play 28.Nc5 Qg6+-]
28...h6
[28...Nb3? 29.h6! gxh6 30.gxh6!+-]
29.gxh6 gxh6 30.Nf6+ Kf8 31.Nh7+? 1.50/24
[31.Nd5+- 3.93/24 has better winning chances.]
31...Kg8±

(Diagram)



32.Nf6+ -0.01/22
[32.Re5!± 1.43/23 Qd6



33.Rxe7! *(33.Rxa5 Kxh7 34.Rxc4 Rg8±)* 33...Qxe7 34.Nf6+ Kf8 35.Nd5]
32...Kf8= 33.Qe5 Nec6? 7.96/21
[33...Qd6 3.10/23 34.Rxa5 b6]
34.Nh7++- Kg8 35.Qf5 3.47/22
[35.Qg3+ 9.51/24 Kh8 36.Rf5]
35...Qxb5? 6.03/23
[35...Ne7 3.47/22 36.Nf6+ Kf8]
36.Qxb5 Kxh7 37.Kh1 Kg7 38.Qb2+ Kf8 39.Qf6 Ke8 40.Bh3 Intending Rg1 and mate. **40...Ne7 41.Qh8+ Ng8 42.Qxg8+ Ke7 43.Qg3** Qe5+ would kill now. **43...b6 44.Qe5+ Kf8 45.Qh8+** 7.01/5
[⌓45.Rg1 #12/19 Nb7 46.Qf6 Rd6 47.Qh8+ Ke7 48.Qxb8 Nc5 49.Rg8 Rd1+ 50.Kg2]
45...Ke7 46.Qe5+? 0.01/5
[White should try 46.Qxh6+- 10.31/19 Rd5 47.e4]
46...Kf8= 47.Qf6 20.51/20
[⌓47.Rg1 #13/20 Nb7 48.Qf6 Rd6 49.Qh8+ Ke7 50.Qxb8 Nc5 51.Rg8 Rd1+ 52.Kg2]
47...Nb7 48.Qxh6+ Ke7 49.Qg5+ f6 50.Qg7+ Kd6 51.Qxf6+ Kc5 52.Qe5+ Rd5 53.Qc7+ Kb5 54.Qxc4+ Ka5 55.Qxd5+ Nc5 56.Bf1 b5 57.Qxc5 White wants to mate with Rc3. **57...Ka6 58.a4** White mates. **58...Ka5 59.Ra1 Ka6 60.axb5+ Kb7 61.Rxa7#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.93
1-0

30 **A00**
□ **RaspFish** **3007**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2491**
Blitz 30.07.2024
[TA]

Blitz 3min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4
[1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.c4 d4 4.d3 c5 5.e4 Nc6 6.Ne2 Bd6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.f4 f5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.h3 Ng6 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ne4 exf4 14.Nxf4 Nxf4 15.Bxf4 Bxf4 11.Ne5 and 12.Nxd7 (2435)-Fletcher,J (2470) USSR 42/(641) 1976 Fritz 12 [Dub Ev Mail 20/12/1894] 1-0 (57)]
1...e5

[1...d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 d4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.h4 Ngf6 4) 1.b4 & 1.g4-1.g4 #5 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024]

2.c4 Bc5N

[2...h5 3.gxh5 Rxh5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.h4 Ng4 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 f5 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Qa4+ c6 16.Nf4 Rh6 17.h5 3.?d2 e5 4.?gf3 ?d6 5.g-Dub,Z Bayern 1986 Inf 54 [Lane, CCYB6] 1-0 (58) Bd7 18.Qb4 Qc7 19.Qd2 0-0-0 20.b4 Kb8 21.a4 d5 22.cxd5 Qe5 23.Ng6 Qd6 24.Rc1 cxd5 25.Rc5 Bc6 26.Qg5 a5 27.bxa5 Be8 28.Nf4 Rf6 29.Rc1 Qb4+ 30.Kf1 Qd2 31.Re1 Bxa4 32.Bf3 Chapter-Games Game 23 (58)]

[2...h6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.h3 Bb4 5.Bg2 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3 7.dxc3 Re8 8.g5 hxg5 9.Bxg5 d6 10.Qc2 Nc6 11.h4 Qd7 12.Bh3 Qe7 13.0-0-0 Bxh3 14.Nxh3 Qe6 15.Rdg1 Kf8 16.h5 Ke7 17.Bh4 25 Chapter-Games Game]

3.Nf3 d6 4.Rg1 Nf6 5.h3 Be6 6.e3 e4 7.Ng5 0-0 0.29/21

[7...h6 -0.12/20 might be stronger. 8.Nxe6 fxe6]

8.Nc3= White has an edge. **8...Bb4 9.Ncxe4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 f5 11.gxf5 Bxf5 12.Ng3** a3 is the strong threat.

12...Bd7? 2.29/21

[Better is 12...Bg6!± 0.39/20]

13.a3+- Bc5

[13...Qf6? 14.Qe2+-]

14.d4 Bb6

[14...Qf6? 15.Qe2 Bb6 16.Nh5+-]

15.Bd3 And now Qh5 would win.

15...Qf6 16.Qe2 aiming for Nh5. **16...g6 17.c5 dxc5 18.Ne4! Qe7 19.dxc5 Bxc5** 3.59/22

[19...Bf5 2.36/21 might work better. 20.Ng5 *(20.cxb6 Bxe4 21.Bc4+ Kg7±)* 20...Bxc5 21.Bc4+ Kg7]

20.Bc4+ Kg7

[20...Kh8? 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.b4+-]

21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.b4

[Don't take 22.Bd2 Rf6 23.Bc3 Bc6+-]

22...Qe7 23.Bb2+ Kh6 24.0-0-0

[Don't do 24.e4 Rf4+-]

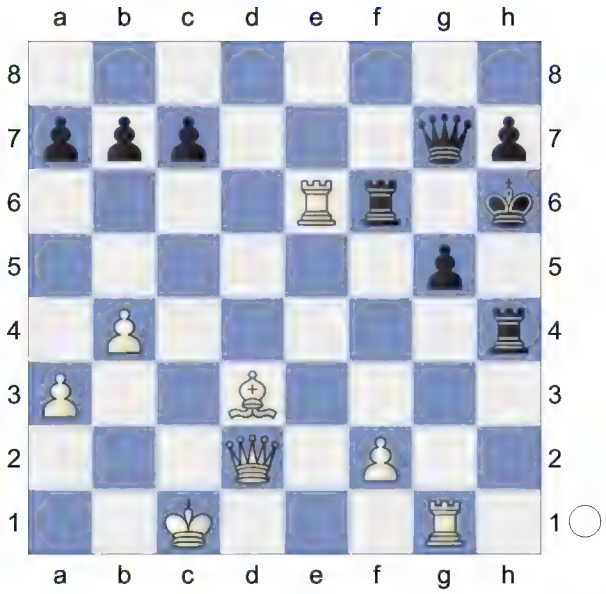
24...Nc6? 4.62/22

[24...Bc6 2.74/20 25.Rg3 Nd7]

25.e4 White wants to mate with Qe3+.

25...Rf4 26.Qd2 Raf8 27.Qxd7 Rxe4 28.Qd2+ g5 29.Bd3 Nd4 30.Bxd4 Rxd4 31.Rde1 Qg7 32.Re6+ #18/22

[32.h4+- 18.99/24 Rxh4 33.Re6+ Rf6



34.Rxg5!! Qxg5 35.Rxf6+ Kh5 36.Be2+ Rg4 37.Rf4]

32...Rf6 33.h4 Rxh4

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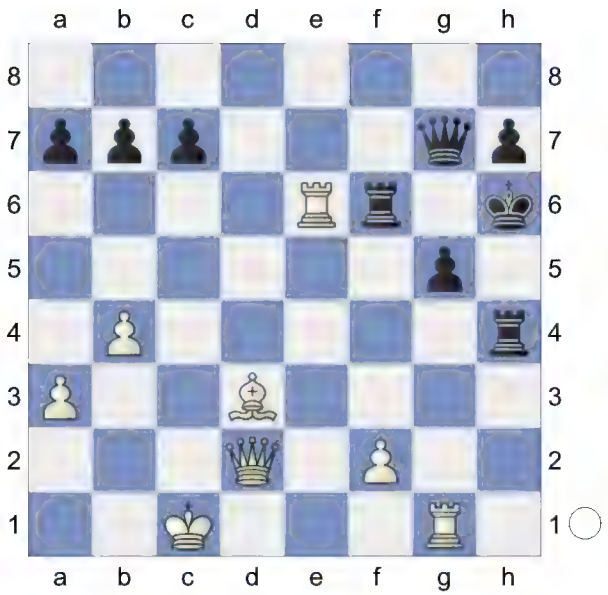
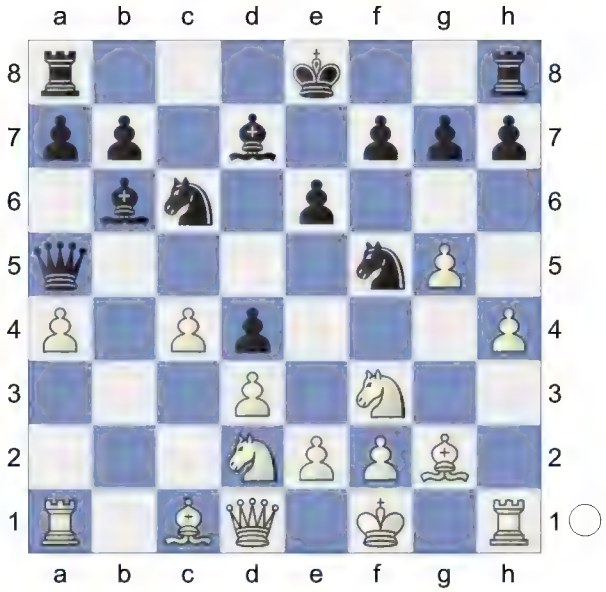


34.Rxg5!! Qxg5 35.Rxf6+ Kh5 36.Rf5 Qxf5 37.Bxf5 Rh1+ 38.Kb2 f4 would kill now. **38...Rh2 39.Bc2 a5 40.Qd5+ Kh4 41.Qe4+ Kh3 42.Qf3+ Kh4 43.Qg3+** White mates. **43...Kh5 44.Qxh2+ Kg4 45.Qg3+ Kh5 46.f4 Kh6 47.Qg5#** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.51
1-0

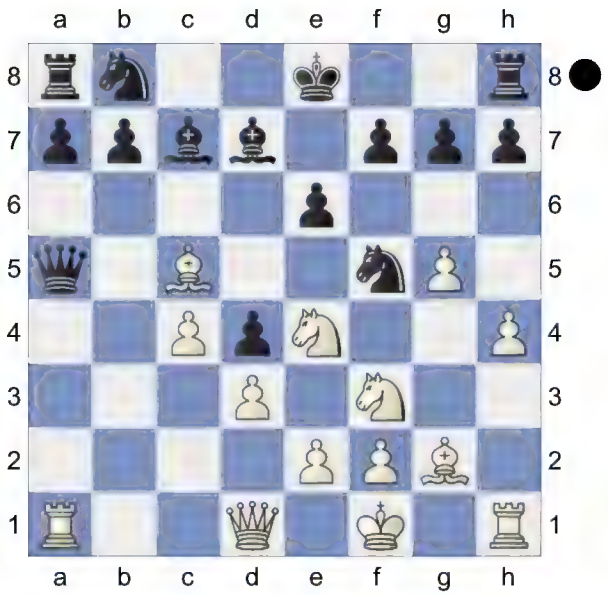
31 **A00**
□ **ToromBot** **3004**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2468**
Blitz 06.08.2024
[TA]

Blitz 3min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 c5 2.d3 d5 3.g5 e6 4.c4 d4 5.h4 Bd7 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.b4 Nc6 0.27/23
[⌓7...Bc6 -0.19/20]
8.bxc5= White has an edge. **8...Bxc5 9.Nbd2 Qa5 10.Bg2 Nge7 11.Kf1 Bb6** 1.49/21
[⌓11...Nf5 0.74/20]
12.a4± Nf5 2.04/22
[12...Qa6± 1.42/18 was worth a try.
13.Nb3 Ba5]



13.Nb3!+- Qc3 14.Bd2 Qb2 15.Bc1? -0.01/20
[15.a5+- 2.95/23 Bc7 16.Nc5]
15...Qc3= 16.Bd2 0.01/18
[Better is 16.Ba3± 1.16/22 Na5 17.Nbd2]
16...Qb2 This costs Black the game. **17.a5 Bc7 18.Nc5** And now Na4 would win. **18...Nb8?** 5.00/23
[18...Nd8 2.92/24 19.Rb1 Qa2]
19.Rb1+- Qa3 20.Bb4 Qa2 21.Ra1 Qb2 22.Ba3 Qc3 23.Ne4 Qxa5 24.Bc5

(Diagram)

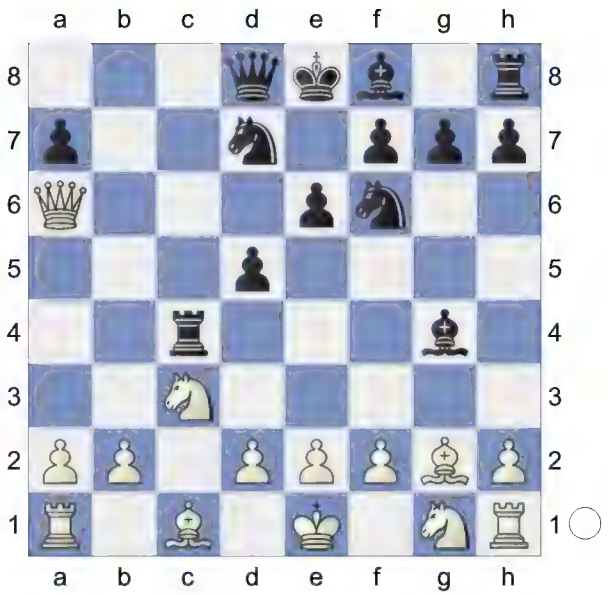


Discovered Attack **24...Qxa1 25.Qxa1 Nc6 26.h5 h6 27.g6 e5 28.Nh4 Rd8 29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Ng3 fxg6 31.Bxc6+ bxc6 32.Qxa7 Kd7 33.Bb6 Rc8 34.Kg2 Rhg8 35.Rb1 Bxd3 36.exd3 gxh5 37.Ne4** White wants to mate with Bxc7. **37...Rgf8 38.Bxc7** White mates. **38...Rxc7 39.Qc5 Rfc8 40.Qxe5 c5 41.Re1 Rf8 42.Qd6+ Kc8 43.Qxf8+ Kd7 44.Nxc5+ Rxc5 45.Qf7+ Kd8 46.Re8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.42
1-0

32 **A00**
□ **Avenger82** **2954**
■ **Detective_08** **2773**
Blitz 20.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

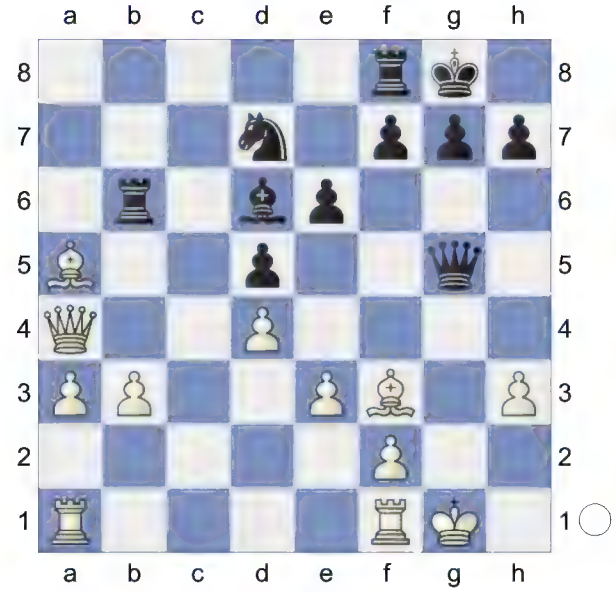
Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Qxc6 Rc8 8.Qa6 Black is better. **8...Rxc4**

(Diagram)



9.d3N -1.25/20
[⌓9.b3 -0.86/22 Qc8 *(9...Rc5 10.Nb5 Qb8 11.a4 Rc2 12.Nf3 e5 13.Qxa7 Qd8 14.0-0 Bc5 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Qb7 e4 17.Ne1 Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Rxc7 19.Qb4+ Kg8 20.a5 Qc8 21.Bb2 Rc6 22.Qb5 Ra6 23.b4 Qa8 24.h3* 1-0 (60) ToromBot (3038)-InanisBot (2487) Rapid 2024*)* 10.Qxc8+ Rxc8 11.Nf3]
9...Rc8∓ 10.Bd2 Bc5 -0.77/22
[⌓10...Be7 -1.23/19 aiming for ...0-0. 11.h3 Bh5]
11.Na4 Bd4 -0.47/23
[Black should play 11...0-0∓ -0.92/22]
12.e3∓ Be5 13.h3 Bh5 14.Ba5 Bc7 15.Bb4 Rb8 0.24/21
[15...Ng8!∓ -0.60/21]
16.a3= Ne5 0.60/21
[16...Rxb4= 0.07/21 17.axb4 d4]
17.d4± Nc4 18.Nf3 0.28/23
[18.Rc1!± 0.67/22 should be considered.]
18...Nd7 19.b3 Ncb6 1.71/22
[19...Qf6!± 0.61/19 20.bxc4 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxf3]
20.Nxb6 1.13/23
[20.Nc3+- 1.71/22]

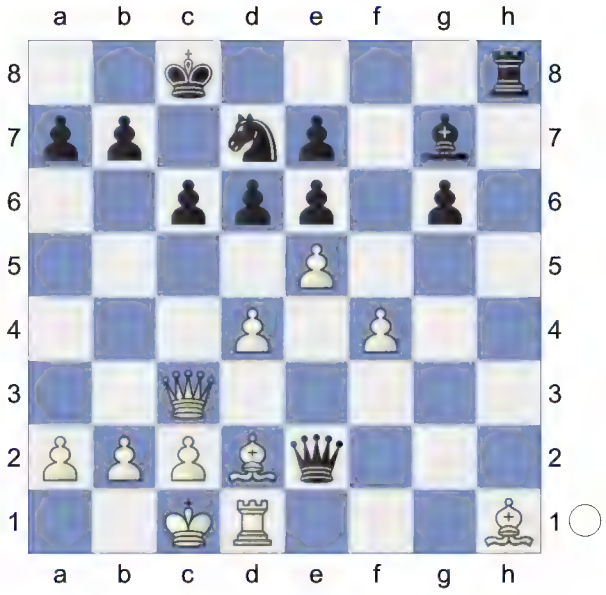
20...Rxb6± 21.Qxa7 Bb8 22.Qa4↑ White is really pushing. White is more active. **22...Bd6** 1.65/22
[22...Qc7± 1.23/24]
23.Ba5 0.74/21
[23.Bc5+- 1.65/22]
Black cannot hold the game after this. **23...0-0?** 2.28/23 **24.0-0 Bxf3 25.Bxf3** Hoping for Rfc1!. **25...Qg5+**



26.Bg2! A strong pair of Bishops. **26...Bb8?** 7.51/21
[26...Ra8 1.70/20]
27.Qxd7+- White is clearly winning. **27...Rxb3 28.Bb4 g6 29.Qe7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.86
29...Qg4
1-0

33 **A00**
□ **LY0329** **2894**
■ **Mischuk_D** **2699**
Blitz 21.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 h5 2.Bg2 hxg4 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 d6 5.d4 g6 6.h3 gxh3 7.Nxh3 Bg7 8.Be3 Black is better. **8...Qa5** -0.35/21
[8...Qb6∓ -1.05/20 9.b3 Qa5]
9.Qd2∓ Bg4 10.f3 Be6 11.Ng5 Rxh1+ 12.Bxh1 Nd7 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.0-0-0! 0-0-0 0.16/23
[14...Nb6 -0.25/21 was preferable. 15.Qe2 e5]
15.f4↑ White has compensation. Black is under pressure. **15...Ngf6 16.Qg2** Inhibits Ng4. **16...Qh5 17.Qg3 Rh8** and ...Qh4 would now be decisive **18.e5! Nd5 19.Bd2 Nxc3 20.Qxc3** Hoping for Bxc6!. **20...Qe2?** 6.53/22
[20...Qh3= 0.01/20]



21.Bxc6!+- Demolition **21...bxc6**
[21...Qf2 22.Be3]
22.Qxc6+ Kd8 23.Qa8+
[23.exd6 exd6 *(23...Bxd4 24.Qa8+)* 24.d5 e5∓ *(24...Bxb2+ 25.Kxb2 Qxd1 26.dxe6=)*]
23...Kc7 24.Ba5+
[Weaker is 24.Qxa7+ Kc8=]
24...Nb6 25.Qxa7+ Kc6 26.Qxb6+ Kd5 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05

(flawless) /Black=1.16
27.Qb7+
1-0

34 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2729**
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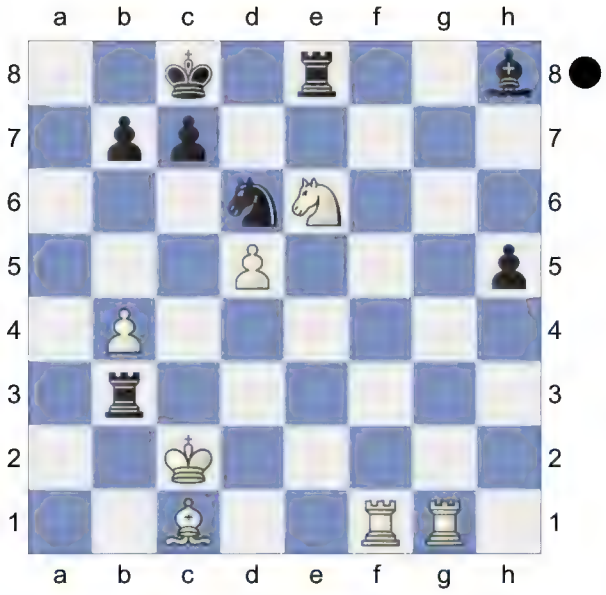
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 h5N**
[2...e5 3.Bg2 *(3.d3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Be6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 f5 10.Nf3 Qd6 11.Qb1 fxg4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qa6 Bd7 15.Bh3 0-0 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Qa4 Qf5* 11 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game*)* 3...c6 4.d4 Nd7 *(4...e4 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 Ne7 19.Nd1* 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982 *)* 5.c4 dxc4 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Be3 Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Ne4 19 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game]
[2...g6 3.d3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 h6 9.Bg3 Nge7 10.e4 0-0 11.f4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxb2 13.Rb1 Bg7 14.Ne2 c4 15.dxc4 Qxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Na5 17.Bf2 29 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game]
3.g5 e5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Bg2 Qd7 7.a3 -1.55/24
[⌓7.e4 -1.08/22 d4 8.Nce2]
7...Nge7∓ 8.b4 Black is clearly better.
8...Ng6 9.Nf3 0-0-0 10.e4 -2.21/20
[10.e3 -1.70/22 might work better.]
10...dxe4-+ 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 -3.12/20
[⌓12.Be3 -2.18/18]
12...f5 13.gxf6 gxf6 14.Bd2 Rhg8 15.Rg1 Bxh3 -1.84/21
[⌓15...Nd4 -3.13/22 16.Nxd4 Qxd4]
16.Bxh3 Qxh3 17.0-0-0 Qe6 18.Kb2 Prevents Qa2+ **18...f5 19.Neg5 Qd5 20.Be3 Bf6 21.c3 a5 22.Nh7** -2.38/21
[⌓22.Kc1 -1.89/21]
22...Bh8 23.Nhg5 axb4 24.axb4

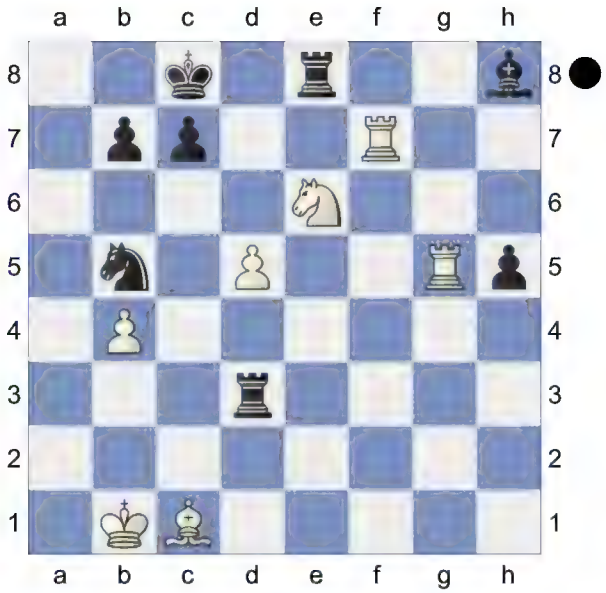
Nxb4! 25.cxb4 e4+ Discovered Attack (Check) **26.d4 exf3 27.Qxf3** -3.74/22
[27.Nxf3 -1.95/20 was the only defense. Kb8 28.Rg5]
27...Qb5 28.Kb3 f4 Deflection **29.Bc1 Nh4**
[29...Rxd4 30.Rxd4 Bxd4 31.Ne6=]
[29...Bxd4 30.Qh3+ Kb8 31.Ne6=]
30.Qxf4 Nf5 31.d5 Rgf8 -0.88/22
[31...Rxd5 32.Ne6 Rd3+ 33.Kc2 Rc3+ 34.Kb1-+]
[31...Nd6-+ -3.93/23 32.Qh4 Kb8]
32.Qc4∓

[But not 32.Ne6? Nd4+-+]
32...Qxc4+ 33.Kxc4 Nd6+ Discovered Attack **34.Kb3 Rxf2 35.Ne6** -1.42/24
[⌓35.Rd2 -0.97/23 Rxd2 36.Bxd2]
35...Rf3+ 36.Kc2 Re8 37.Rdf1 -2.24/22
[37.Rd3∓ -1.33/22 was necessary. Rf2+ 38.Rd2]
37...Rc3+-+ 38.Kb1 Rb3+ 39.Kc2



Rc3+
[39...Rxb4 40.Rf4 Rb5 41.Rg5=]
40.Kb1 Rd3? -0.57/18
[40...Rc4-+ -2.21/23 ...Ne4! would now be deadly. 41.Bf4 Rxb4+ 42.Kc1 Ne4 43.Nxc7 Rc4+ 44.Kd1 Rxc7 45.Bxc7 Kxc7]
41.Rg5∓ Nb5 -0.22/21
[41...Rh3∓ -0.61/23 42.Bf4 Nb5]
42.Rf7? -2.42/17
[42.Rgf5= -0.22/21 Bc3 43.Kc2]

(Diagram)

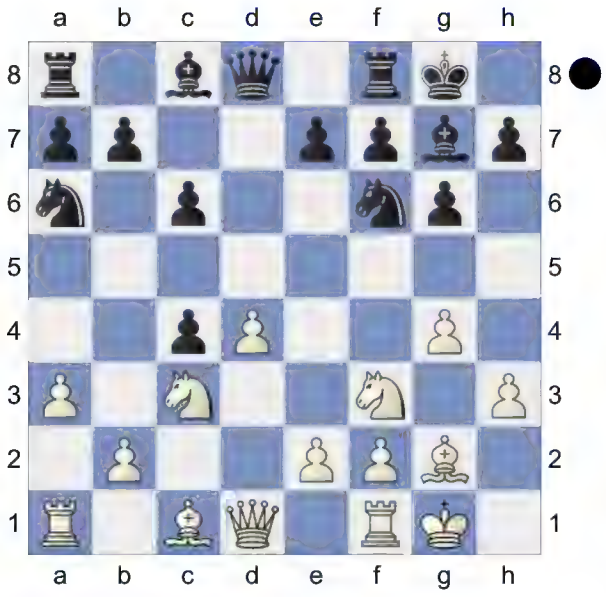


42...Rxd5!!-+ Decoy **43.Nxc7**
[43.Kc2 Rxg5]
43...Nxc7 -1.03/18
[43...Rxg5-+ -3.16/26 and Black stays clearly on top. 44.Nxe8 Rg8]
44.Rxc7+∓ Remove Defender **44...Kxc7**
45.Rxd5-+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **45...h4** -0.04/23
[45...Be5∓ -1.30/23 Threatens to win with ...h4. 46.Bg5 Bg3]
46.Bf4+= The position is equal. **46...Kc6**
47.Rc5+ Kd7
[And not 47...Kb6 48.Bc7+ Ka7 49.Ra5#]
48.Rc7+ Ke6 49.Rxb7 Kf5 50.Bd6 Be5 51.Bxe5 Rxe5 KR-KR **52.Kc2 h3** Strongly threatening ...Kg4. **53.Rh7 Kg4** White must now prevent ...Rh5. **54.Kd3 Rh5!? 55.Rg7+□ Rg5**
[55...Kf5=]
56.Rh7 Kg3 57.Kc4 h2 58.Rxh2! Kxh2 KR-KP **59.b5 Kg3 60.b6 Kf4 61.b7 Rg8** (→ ...Rb8) **62.Kc5 Ke5 63.Kc6 Rf8 64.Kc7 Rf7+ 65.Kc6 Rf6+ 66.Kc7**
[66.Kb5!? Rf8□ 67.Kc6=]
66...Rf7+ 67.Kc6 Rf8 68.Kc7 Kd5 69.b8Q Rxb8 70.Kxb8 Weighted Error

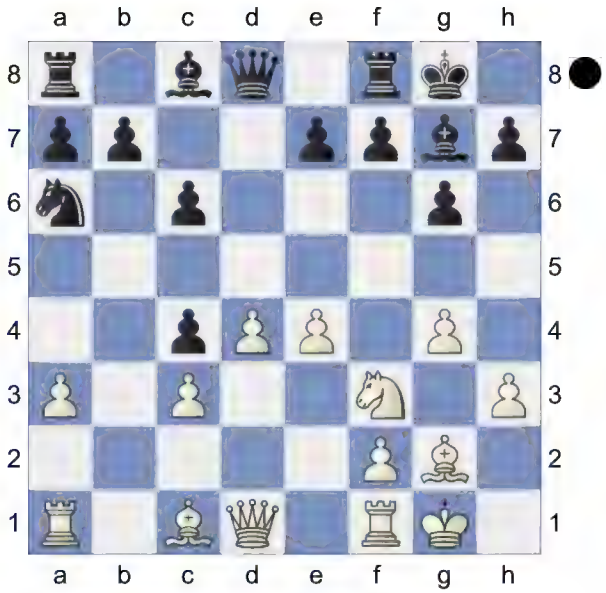
Value: White=0.31/Black=0.34. Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: --- Black=3 Mistake: White=7 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=4 Black=1 OK: White=28 Black=25 Best: White=5 Black=7 Strong: White=1 --- Brilliant: --- Black=1
½-½

35 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2688**
Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz (7)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 Na6 2.Bg2 c6 3.d4 d5 4.h3 g6 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3** -0.48/25
[6.Nf3= -0.10/21]
6...Bg7 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.0-0 Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.a3** -0.78/24
[9.e4= -0.27/22]



9...Nd5 -0.16/24
[9...h5!∓ -0.78/24 10.gxh5 Nxh5]
10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3



e5 0.98/19 Repels Bf4 **12.Nxe5± Bxe5 13.dxe5 Qxd1** 1.71/15
[13...Re8± 1.24/22]
14.Rxd1+- Nc5 15.f4 0.76/23
[White should try 15.Bg5 1.60/23]
15...g5? 2.86/24 This costs Black the game. **16.f5**
[Weaker is 16.fxg5 Na4±]
16...h6 3.77/21
[⌓16...Nb3 2.48/22]
17.Rd6 Kg7 18.Be3 Nd3 19.Bf1 Nxe5 20.Bd4 f6 5.03/20
[20...Re8 2.89/19 was necessary. 21.Bxc4 b5]
21.Bxe5 White is clearly winning.
21...fxe5 22.Rg6+
[Don't play 22.Bxc4 b5 23.Ba2 Rf6]
22...Kh7 23.Rd1 Prevents Rd8 **23...b5 24.Rdd6 Rf7 25.Rxh6+ Kg8 26.h4 gxh4 27.g5** Rd8+ is the strong threat.
27...Bxf5 28.exf5 Rxf5 29.Rdg6+
[Less strong is 29.Rxc6 Rxg5+ 30.Kf2 Rf8+ 31.Ke2 Rf4±]
29...Kf7 30.Bh3 Rf3 31.Be6+ Ke7 32.Rh7+ Ke8 33.Rg8+
Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.65. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=2

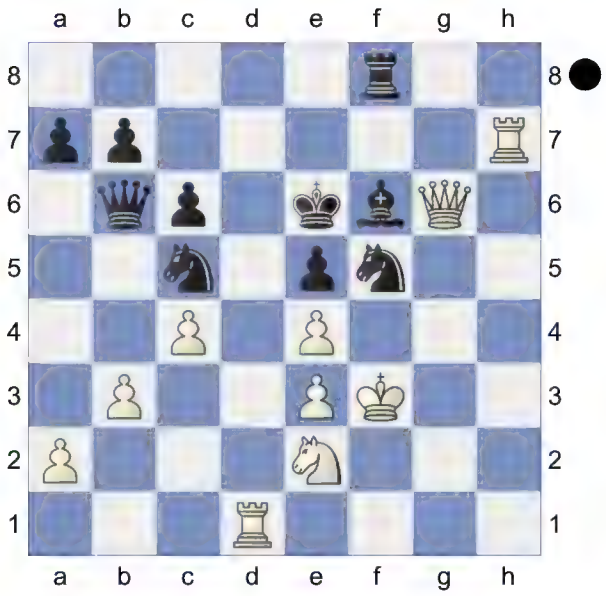
Black=5 OK: White=9 Black=10 Best: White=3 ---
1-0

36 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Gabdrakhmanov,Azat** **2319**
Titled Tue 11th Oct Early blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**
[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4. 3)]
1...e5 2.c4 d6N
[2...h5 3.gxh5 Rxh5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.h4 Ng4 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 f5 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Qa4+ c6 16.Nf4 Rh6 17.h5 1-0 3.♘d2 e5 4.♘gf3 ♗d6 5.g-Dub,Z Oberliga Bayern 9697 1996 Bd7 18.Qb4 Qc7 19.Qd2 0-0-0 20.b4 Kb8 21.a4 d5 22.cxd5 Qe5 23.Ng6 Qd6 24.Rc1 cxd5 25.Rc5 Bc6 26.Qg5 a5 27.bxa5 Be8 28.Nf4 Rf6 29.Rc1 Qb4+ 30.Kf1 Qd2 31.Re1 Bxa4 32.Bf3 23 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game]
[2...h6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.h3 Bb4 5.Bg2 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3 7.dxc3 Re8 8.g5 hxg5 9.Bxg5 d6 10.Qc2 Nc6 11.h4 Qd7 12.Bh3 Qe7 13.0-0-0 Bxh3 14.Nxh3 Qe6 15.Rdg1 Kf8 16.h5 Ke7 17.Bh4 25 Chapter-Games Chapter 6 Game]
3.e3 g6 4.h4 h5 5.g5 Bg7 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.Bg2 Wards off Bg4-f3. Black is slightly better. **8...c6 9.d3** -0.59/23
[9.b3!= -0.23/21 was preferrable.]
9...0-0 10.b3 f6 11.gxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne4 -1.56/20
[⌓12.e4 -0.75/20]
12...Nf5∓ 13.f3 Nxh4 14.fxg4 Threatens to win with 0-0. **14...Nxg2+ 15.Kf2** -2.54/21
[⌓15.Kf1 -1.88/20 Nh4 *(15...d5 16.Kxg2 dxe4 17.Ng3±)* 16.gxh5 Bg7+ *(16...gxh5 17.N2g3=)* 17.Kg1]

15...Nh4!-+ Hoping for ...d6-d5.
[15...Nxe3 16.Bxe3 Bg5+ *(16...hxg4? 17.Kg2+-)* 17.Kg2 Bxe3 18.gxh5∓]
16.Kg3 d5 17.Ba3 aiming for Ne4xf6+.
17...dxe4 18.Bxf8 Qxf8
[18...Kxf8? 19.dxe4 Qe7 20.gxh5-+]

19.Nc3 hxg4? -1.31/20
[19...Qh6-+ -3.65/20 is more deadly. 20.Kf2 Nd7 *(20...Bg5? 21.Ke2-+)* 21.Nxe4 Bg5]
20.Qxg4∓ Black must now prevent Ra1-f1. **20...Nf5+**
[20...exd3 21.Raf1 Qg7 22.Ne4 *(22.Rxh4 Bxh4+ 23.Kxh4 Qh6+ 24.Kg3 Qxe3+ 25.Kg2 Kg7=; 22.Qe6+ Qf7±)* 22...Nf5+ 23.Rxf5+-]
21.Kf2 Kf7 0.77/26
[21...exd3? 22.Qxg6+ Bg7 *(22...Ng7? 23.Raf1+-)* 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Qxf5+ Ke7 25.Qxf8+ Bxf8 26.Rad1+-]
[21...Bh4+∓ -1.30/21 keeps the pressure on. 22.Ke2 exd3+ 23.Kd2 Qh6]
22.Rag1± Really sharp! White is more active. **22...Nd7?** 4.50/20
[22...exd3? 23.Rh7+ Ng7 *(23...Ke6? 24.Ne4+-)* 24.Ke1+- *(24.Qxg6+ Ke7+-)*]
[22...Qg7± 0.95/21]
23.Rh7++-
[23.Qxe4? Qd6 24.Ke2 Rg8 25.Rh7+ Ke8-+]
[23.Qxg6+ Ke7 *(23...Ke6? 24.Nxe4 Nc5 25.Ng5+* Deflection *Kd7 26.Qxf5++-)* 24.Rh7+ *(24.Qxf5? Bh4+* Discovered Attack *25.Rxh4 Qxf5+-+)* 24...Kd8 *(24...Bg7? 25.Ke1+-)*]
[23.dxe4 Ne7+- *(23...Bh4+? 24.Ke2+-)*]
23...Ke6 24.dxe4 Pin
[Less strong is 24.Nxe4 Qg8 25.Rgh1 *(25.Rxd7 Bh4+=; 25.Qxg6 Qxg6 26.Rxg6 Ne7=)* 25...Be7+-]
24...Qb4 25.Ne2 Rf8 6.90/19
[⌓25...Nc5 4.82/21 26.Rd1 *(26.exf5+ gxf5 27.Qg6 Ne4+ 28.Kg2 Qf8+-)* 26...Rh8]
26.Rd1 Nc5 27.Kf3 Qb6 28.Qxg6?? -2.80/18
[28.Ng3+- 5.65/21 and all is fine. White threatens Qg4xf5+! and mate. Nxe4 29.Nxe4 *(29.Qxe4 Rd8+-)* 29...Qxe3+ 30.Kg2]



28...Nxe4!-+ A dynamic duo of knights.
29.Nd4+ Nxd4+?? #12/20
[29...exd4-+ -2.06/20 30.Kxe4 Qa5 *(30...Nxe3 31.Rf1±)* 31.exd4 Nxd4]
30.Kxe4 White mates. **30...Qc5 31.Qg4+ Kd6 32.Qd7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.87. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: --- Black=2 Mistake: White=3 Black=2 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2 OK: White=5 Black=2 Best: White=4 Black=3 Strong: --- Black=1 Brilliant: --- Black=1
1-0

37 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2529**
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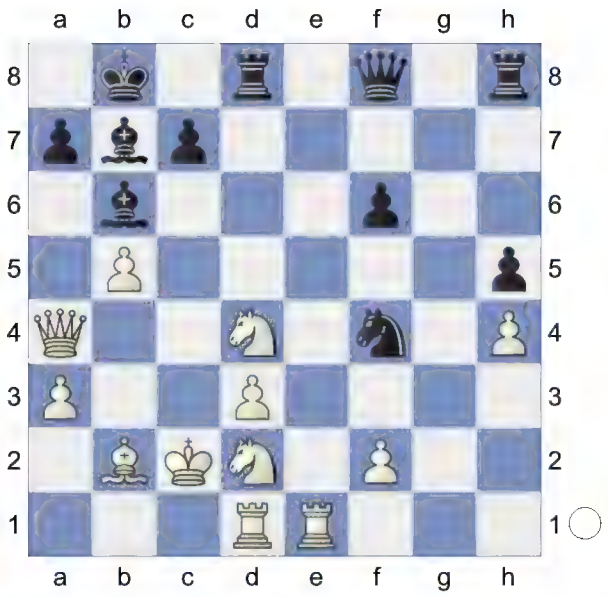
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.d3**
[3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 e4 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982]
3...Nc6 4.Bg2 Be6 5.a3N
[5.Nc3 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 f5 10.Nf3 Qd6 11.Qb1 fxg4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qa6 Bd7 15.Bh3 0-0 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Qa4 Qf5 18.Be3 a5 19.Kd2 e4 11 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game]
5...Qd7 6.b4 f6 7.Bb2 Nge7 8.Nf3 Black is clearly better. **8...h5 9.g5 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 Ng6** -1.04/19
[⌓10...d4 -1.42/19 11.Nh4 Nd5 *(11...fxg5 12.Nhf3∓)*]
11.e3∓ Bd6 -0.72/18
[⌓11...d4 -1.20/19 12.Qe2 Kb8]
12.c4 Qf7 -0.38/19
[Black should try 12...a6∓ -0.89/18]
13.c5 Be7 0.01/21
[13...Bf8∓ -0.52/19]
14.b5!= Nb8 15.Qc2 d4 16.0-0-0 -0.68/19
[16.Rg1= -0.24/17]
16...Bd5 17.h4
[17.exd4 exd4 *(17...fxg5 18.Rhg1∓; 17...Nf4 18.Rh2∓)* 18.gxf6 Bxf6]
17...Nd7 18.Bh3 -1.68/21
[18.gxf6!∓ -0.54/19 gxf6 19.Bh3]
18...Kb8 -1.04/21
[18...fxg5-+ -1.68/21 19.b6 *(19.c6? g4-+)* 19...Kb8 *(19...Bxf3? 20.bxa7 g4 21.a8Q++-)* 20.Bxd7 axb6 *(20...Bxf3 21.bxa7+ Ka8 22.Nxf3∓; 20...Rxd7 21.Qa4∓)*]
19.gxf6∓ gxf6 -0.75/22
[⌓19...Qxf6 -1.25/20 20.Bxd7 Rxd7 *(20...Bxf3 21.Nxf3 Rxd7 22.Nd2=)*]
20.exd4 exd4 21.Bxd7 Rxd7 22.Rhe1 -1.57/21 Dodges Ne5
[⌓22.c6 -1.13/21 Rd6 23.Rhg1]
22...Qf8 -0.16/22
[22...Bxf3!∓ -1.57/21 23.Nxf3 Rd5 24.Bxd4 *(24.Nxd4? Rxc5* Pin *25.Bc3 Nf4-+)* 24...b6]
23.c6!= Rd8
[23...bxc6 24.bxc6 *(24.Bxd4?* loses. *Bxa3+ 25.Kb1 cxb5-+)* 24...Rd8 25.Qa4 *(25.Bxd4? Bxa3+ 26.Bb2 Ka8-+)* 25...Bxc6 26.Qxc6+-]
24.Qa4! Nf4 0.47/21
[24...Ne5!∓ -0.31/20 25.Nxe5 fxe5 26.Rxe5 Bc5]
25.Kc2± Bc5 26.Nxd4→ Threatens to win with cxb7. White has some attack.
26...Bb6 0.76/22
[26...Rg8= 0.21/21 keeps the balance.]
27.cxb7 Bxb7 0.84/21
[27...Qc5+± 0.47/21 28.Nc4 Ng2]

(Diagram)



This pair of bishops is nice. **28.N2b3** 0.37/21 Really sharp!
[28.Ne4!± 0.84/21]
28...Ng2 0.95/22
[28...Ka8!± 0.37/21]
29.Re6 0.54/22
[29.Re4± 0.95/22]
29...Rd6! 30.Rxd6 0.41/22 **Qxd6 31.Nc6+ Bxc6 32.bxc6 Ka8! 33.d4** -0.76/22
[33.Kb1± 0.65/20 keeps the upper hand.]
33...Nf4? 1.45/22
[33...Qf4∓ -0.76/22]

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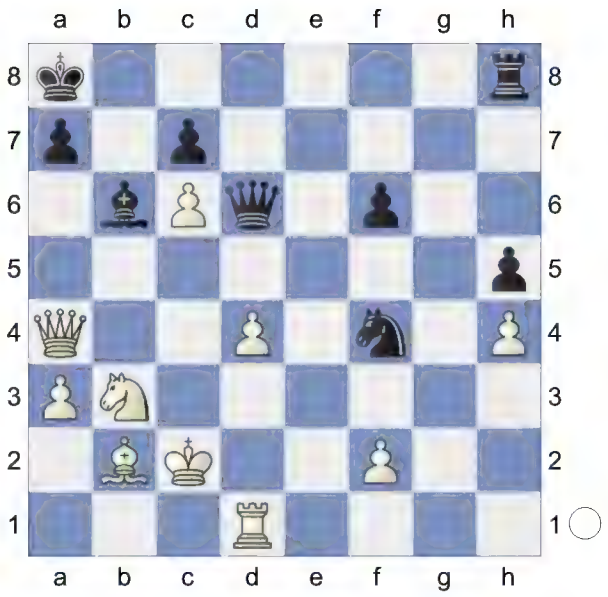
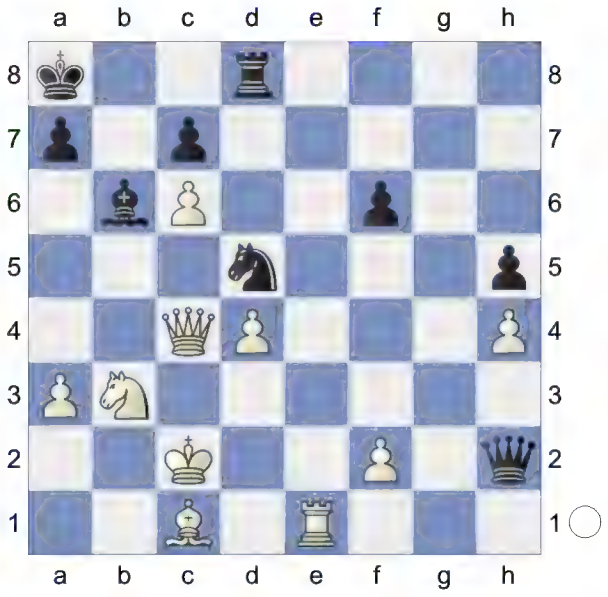


34.Qc4!± Nd5 1.70/24
[34...Nh3± 0.89/21 keeps fighting.]
35.Re1+- aiming for Nc5. **35...Rd8?** 3.76/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[35...Qf4± 1.30/24]
36.Bc1 Nc5 is the strong threat.
36...Qh2? 7.26/23
[36...Rb8 2.38/24 37.Kd1 Ne7]



37.Qxd5!! Double Attack **37...Qxf2+**
[37...Rb8 38.Qf3]
38.Bd2 Rb8 39.Qc4 Qxh4 40.a4 Qg4

41.a5 Qf5+ 42.Qd3 Qd5 43.axb6 White wants to mate with b7+. **43...Qd6 44.b7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.63. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=7 Black=14 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=2 OK: White=9 Black=7 Best: White=3 Black=1 Strong: White=3 Black=2
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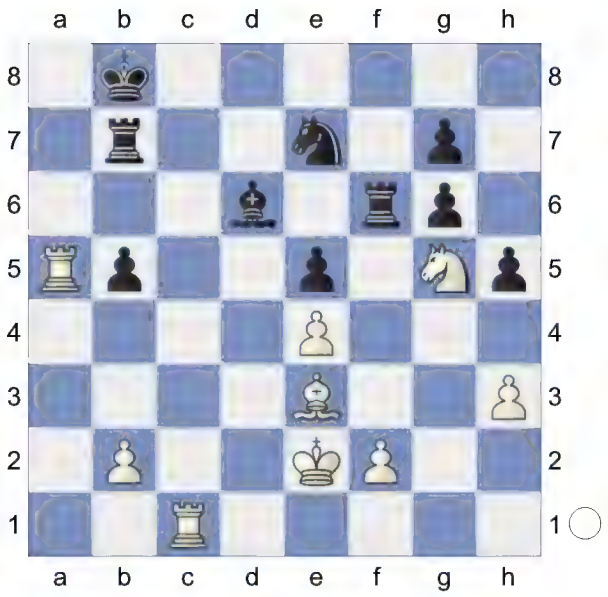
38 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Makhnev,Denis** **2481**
Titled Tue 11th Oct Early blitz (8)
[MH]

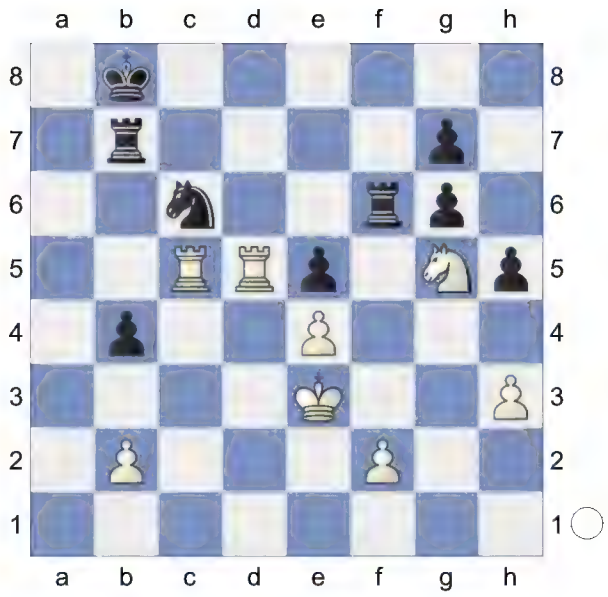
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.d3**
[3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 e4 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982]
3...c6N
[3...Nc6 4.Bg2 Nge7 *(4...Be6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 f5 10.Nf3 Qd6 11.Qb1 fxg4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qa6 Bd7 15.Bh3 0-0 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Qa4 Qf5 18.Be3 a5 19.Kd2* 11 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game*; 4...h5 5.gxh5 Nf6 6.Nf3 Nxh5 7.Bd2 f6 8.Nc3 Be6 9.Nh4 Ne7 10.e4 d4 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 g5 13.Bf3 Ng7 14.Ng2 Qd7 15.c4 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nxd5* 2. Grob Attack 1.g4-2.d3*)* 5.Nc3 Be6 6.e4 h6 7.f4 exf4 8.Bxf4 Ng6 9.Bg3 Bb4 10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 dxe4 12.Rb1 b6 13.c4 f5 14.gxf5 Bxf5 15.Rb5 0-0 16.Rxf5 Rxf5 17.Bxe4 Rf6 18.Qh5 0-1 Alonso,F-Shipman,W (2360) US Open-84 Pasadena 1983 (4)]
4.Nf3 Bd6 5.c4 dxc4 -0.40/19
[5...Ne7∓ -1.08/22]
6.dxc4∓ h5 7.g5 Be6 8.Nc3 -0.59/21
[8.Nbd2= -0.12/19 might be stronger.]
8...Bxc4 9.g6 fxg6 -0.11/19
[9...f6!∓ -0.56/21]
10.Rg1= Ne7 11.e4 Bxf1 12.Kxf1 Na6 13.Be3 Qd7 14.Ng5 0-0-0 0.31/24
[14...Rf8!∓ -0.47/23]
15.Bxa7 Rhf8 0.63/23
[Black should play 15...Bc5= 0.00/20 16.Bxc5 Nxc5]
16.Na4± Hoping for Nb6+. **16...Bc7 17.Qxd7+ Rxd7 18.Ke2!** Repels Rd2+ **18...b5** 0.97/22
[18...Rf6± 0.61/24]
19.Nc5↑ White has strong initiative. **19...Nxc5 20.Bxc5 Rf4** 1.38/27
[⌓20...Bd6 0.72/19 21.Rgc1 *(21.Ne6 Rf6=)* 21...Rf6]
21.a4 Bd6 2.60/22
[21...Rf6± 1.32/21]
22.Be3+- Rf6 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Rgc1+ 0.57/21
[24.Nh7!+- 2.50/21]
24...Kb8 1.41/26
[Black should try 24...Rc7± 0.57/21]
25.Ra5 White has strong compensation. **25...Rb7**

(Diagram)



26.Nf3 0.59/24
[26.Rca1!± 1.14/20]
26...Bc7 1.08/21
[26...Bb4± 0.59/24 is more appropriate. 27.Ra2 Nc6]
27.Ra3± White is more active. **27...Nc6** 1.61/25 Dodges Ba7+
[27...Bd6± 1.14/21 is a better defense.]
28.Rd3+- Bb6 29.Rd5 Bxe3 30.Kxe3 Re6? 4.25/25 Loses the game.
[30...Rbf7± 1.33/23 31.Rxb5+ *(31.Nxe5 Nxe5 32.Rxb5+ Rb7±)* 31...Rb7]
31.Rcc5 b4 32.Ng5
[32.Nxe5 Nxe5 33.Rxe5 Rxe5 34.Rxe5 Kc8 35.Rc5+ Kd8±]
32...Rf6

(Diagram)



33.Nh7! Re6 34.Nf8 Re8 35.Nd7+ White is clearly winning.
[Not 35.Rxc6 Rxf8 36.Rxe5 *(36.Rxg6 Rbf7±)* 36...Rbf7±]
35...Kc7 36.Nxe5
[Less strong is 36.Rxe5 Rd8± *(36...Kxd7? perishes. 37.Rcd5+* Deflection *Kc7 38.Rxe8+-)*]
36...Rxe5 37.Rxe5 Kb6 38.Rb5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.54. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=2 Black=9 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=14 Black=8 Best: White=2 Black=1 Strong: White=1 ---
1-0

39 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Riehle,Marco** **2367**
Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz (5)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 c5**

[2...e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 e4 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982]

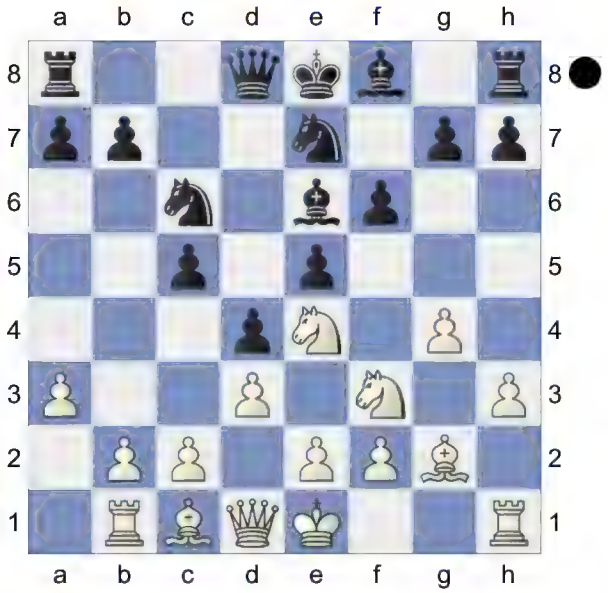
3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d3 e5 5.Nc3N

[5.c4 d4 6.Nf3 h5 7.g5 Nge7 8.Nbd2 Ng6 9.Ne4 Be6 10.h4 Qd7 11.a3 a5 12.Rb1 b6 13.Bd2 Rb8 14.Qa4 Be7 15.Ng1 Na7 16.Qc2 Nc6 17.Ng3 Nf4 18.Be4 Bg4 19.Nf3 Bd6 22 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game]

5...Be6 6.Nf3 f6 Prevents Ng5 **7.a3 Nge7 8.Rb1** Black is better. **8...d4** -0.80/18

[⌓8...Ng6 -1.32/18 9.e4 d4]

9.Ne4∓



Nd5 0.17/10

[9...Ng6!∓ -0.87/11]

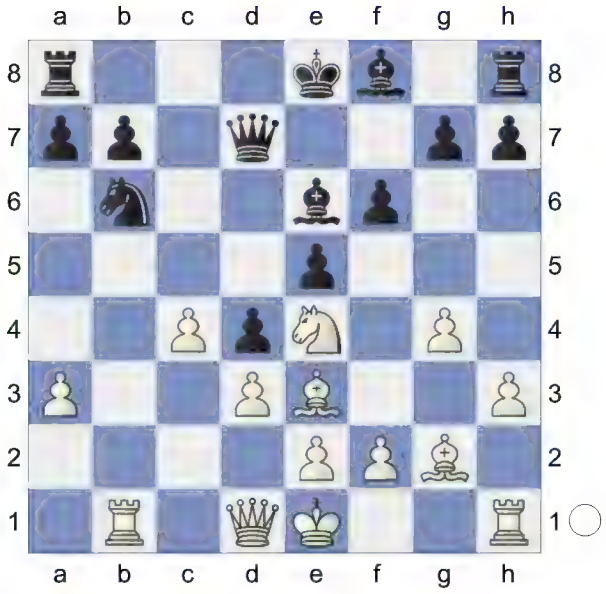
10.c4= dxc3 11.bxc3 Qd7 12.c4 0.59/14

[12.Nh4= 0.20/11]

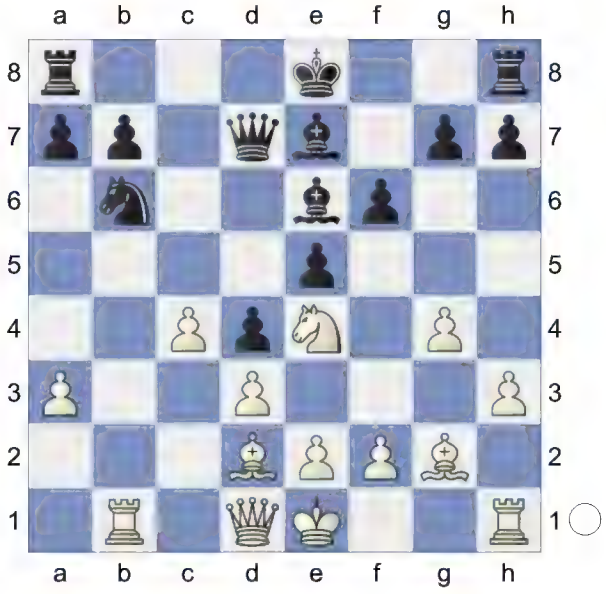
12...Nb6 1.42/8

[12...Nf4!± 0.59/14 13.Bxf4 exf4]

13.Be3± White is more active. **13...Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4**



15.Bd2 Be7



16.a4! Black must now prevent a5.

16...Rb8

[16...Qxa4? is the wrong capture. 17.Qxa4+ Nxa4 18.Rxb7+-]

[16...Nxa4? perishes. 17.Rxb7+-]

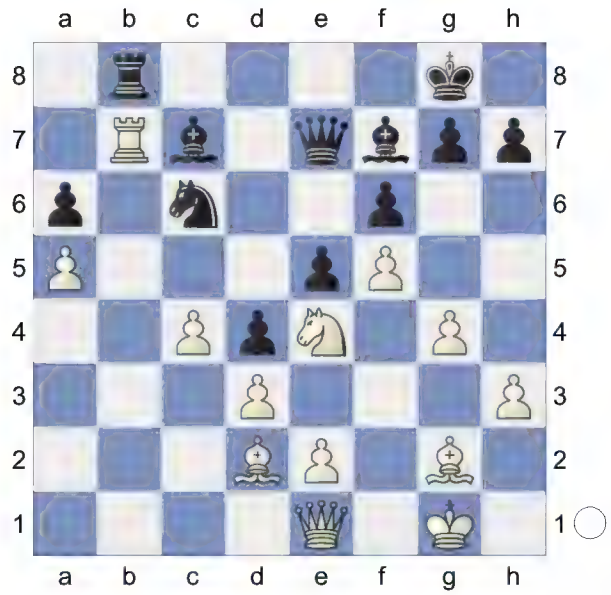
17.a5 Nc8 1.99/11

[17...Na4± 0.72/11]

18.f4+- 0-0 19.f5 0.90/8

[19.0-0+- 1.87/12 has better winning chances.]

19...Bf7± 20.0-0 a6 2.17/12
[20...Nd6± 1.14/12]
21.Qb3 Na7 22.Rb2 Nc6 23.Rfb1 Rfc8 24.Qd1 Qc7 25.Rb6 Bd8 26.Qe1 Qe7 27.R6b2 Bc7? 4.39/14
[27...h6 2.72/15 28.h4 Qa3]
28.Rxb7+- Rxb7 29.Rxb7 Rb8

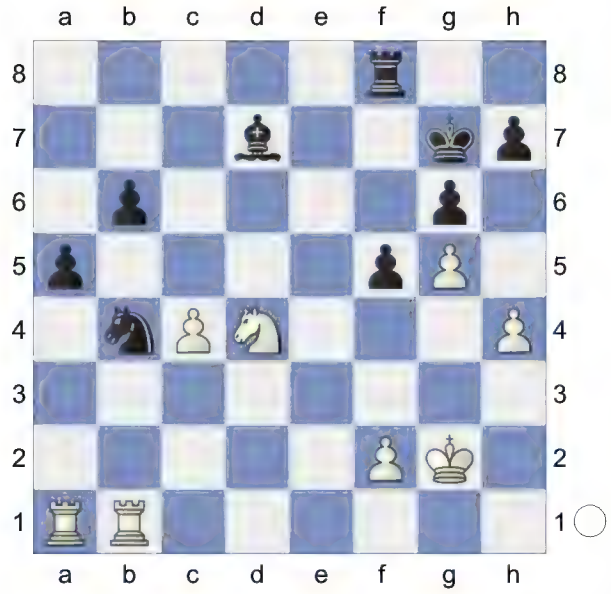


30.Nxf6+! Discovered Attack **30...gxf6 31.Bxc6 Rxb7 32.Bxb7 Bxa5 33.Bxa5**
[Less strong is 33.Bxa6 Bxd2 34.Qxd2 e4±]
33...Qxb7 Endgame. KQB-KQB **34.Bd8 Qc6 35.Qh4 e4 36.Qxf6 Qb7 37.Bb6** Threatening mate with Qd8+. **37...exd3 38.Qd8+** White mates. **38...Kg7 39.Bxd4+ Kh6 40.Qh4+** Skewer **40...Bh5 41.g5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.52. Mistake: White=2 Black=6 Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=13 Black=10 Best: White=5 Black=1
1-0

40 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Rustemov,A.** **2525**
Titled Tue 11th Oct Early blitz (10)
[MH]

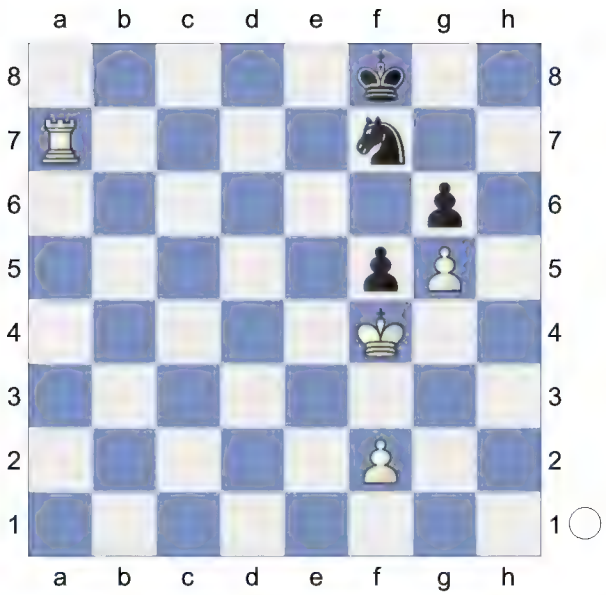
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 c6 3.d3 e5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.c4 Ne7 6.Nc3 0-0N**
[6...h5 7.gxh5 Rxh5 8.Bd2 a6 9.e4 dxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Qf3 Ng6 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Kb1 Nf4 15.Rg1 Kf8 16.Ne2 Ne6 17.Nxe6+ Bxe6 18.Ng3 Rh8 19.Bg5 Rd8 20.Be2 Rxh3 21.Qg2 21 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game]
7.Bg2 d4 8.Ne4 Black is slightly better.
8...c5 -0.21/20
[8...a5∓ -0.68/21]
9.b4 cxb4 10.a3 Nbc6 11.Nxd6 Qxd6 12.axb4 Nxb4 13.Ba3 Nec6 14.Nd2 a5 15.Ne4 Qc7 16.Ng3 Bd7 17.Be4 Rae8 18.Qd2 b6 0.29/19
[18...Qd8∓ -0.51/19]
19.Kf1 -0.28/20
[⌓19.f3 0.29/19]
19...f6 20.Kg2 -0.38/21
[20.f3= 0.00/24 is more appropriate.]
20...g6 0.12/23
[Black should try 20...Rf7∓ -0.38/21]
21.Qh6 Be6 22.h4 Threatens to win with h5. **22...Qg7?** 2.09/22
[22...Bxg4= 0.00/20 and Black is okay. 23.f3 *(23.h5 g5=)* 23...Be6]
23.Qxg7++- Kxg7 24.Bxc6 Nxc6 25.Bxf8+ Rxf8 26.Rhb1 1.53/20
[26.f3+- 1.93/23]
26...Nb4± 27.g5 f5 28.Nf1 e4 1.57/24
[⌓28...Bd7 1.15/22]
29.Nd2 Bd7 2.37/20 Prevents Ra4
[29...h6± 1.50/20 30.dxe4 Rc8]
30.Nb3+-
[30.dxe4 fxe4 31.c5 *(31.Nxe4*

Bc6±) 31...Nc2±]
30...exd3 31.exd3
[And not 31.Nxd4 dxe2 32.Nxe2 Rc8=]
31...Nxd3 32.Nxd4 Nb4



33.c5! Deflection **33...bxc5 34.Rxa5 Nd3 35.Rb7 Rf7 36.Raa7 cxd4?** 7.22/23
[36...Ne5 3.06/21]
37.Rxd7 Ne5 38.Rxf7+ Nxf7 Endgame. KR-KN **39.Rd7 d3 40.Kg3 Kg8 41.Rxd3 h6 42.Kf4 hxg5+ 43.hxg5** White threatens Rd7 and mate. **43...Kf8 44.Rd7 Ke8 45.Ra7** 13.98/20 **Kf8**

(Diagram)



46.Rxf7+! White mates. **46...Kxf7 47.Ke5 Ke7**
[47...f4 48.Kd6 *(48.Kxf4 Ke6 49.Ke4 Kd6 50.f3 Ke6 51.f4 Kd6 52.f5 Ke7 53.f6+ Ke8)* 48...f3 49.Kd7 Kf8 50.Ke6 Kg7 51.Ke7]
48.f4 Kf7 49.Kd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.77. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=3 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=2 OK: White=14 Black=8 Best: White=3 Black=1
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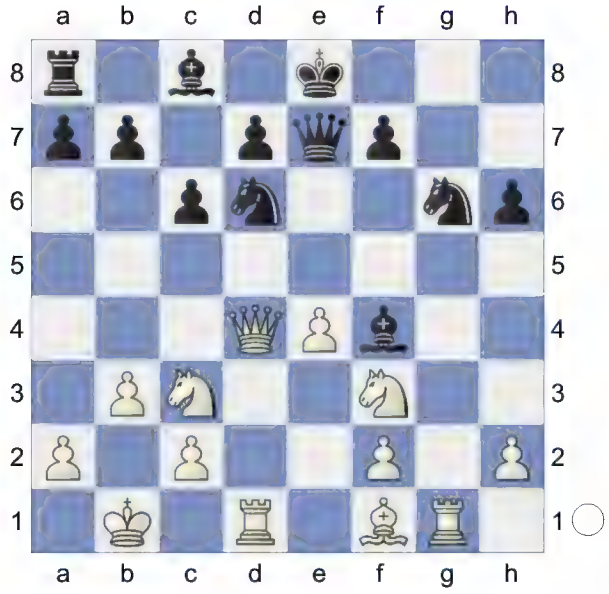
41 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2856**
■ **Slugin,S.** **2336**
Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz (2)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 Nh6 2.g5 Nf5 3.e4 Nd6 4.Nc3 e5 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4** aiming for Bf4. **6...Nc6 7.Qe3** White is more active. **7...Be7** 1.80/7
[7...Nb4± 1.13/11 8.Kd1 a5]

8.Bd2+- White is clearly better. **8...Ne5 9.b3** Prevents Nec4 **9...h6** 2.57/11
[⌓9...a5 1.82/11 10.a4 0-0]
10.gxh6 Rxh6 11.Qg3 Ng6 12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.0-0-0 Bg5+ 14.Kb1 Bf4 15.Qd3 Ne5 5.03/10
[⌓15...b6 3.50/11 16.Nge2 Qh4]
16.Qd4 White is clearly winning. **16...Ng6 17.Nf3** Against Be5 **17...c6 18.Rg1 Qe7**



19.Rxg6! fxg6 20.e5 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.45. Mistake: --- Black=3 OK: White=9 Black=1 Best: --- Black=1
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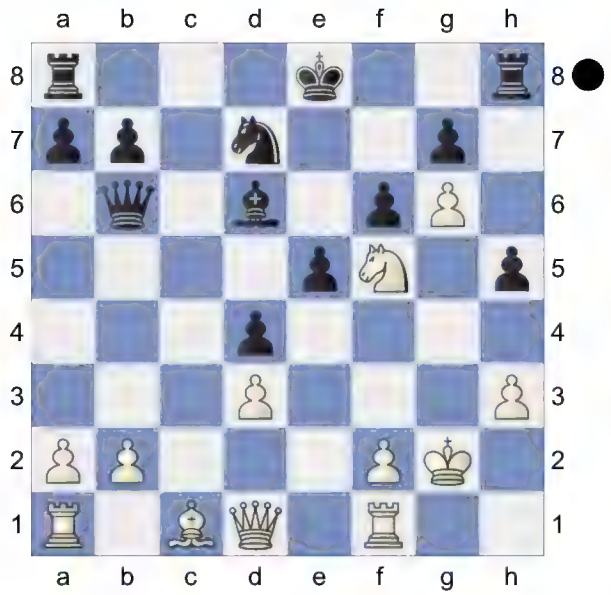
42 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2853**
■ **Dushyant,Sharma** **2345**
Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz (1) 20.6.23
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d3N**
[4.d4 e4 *(4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3* 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7. ♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005*)* 5.c4 *(5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 Ne7 19.Nd1 Rf8* 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982 *)* 5...Bd6 *(5...h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7* 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)*)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 Boenisch,M olm2 qual GP2 B2 corr 1948]
4...Bd6 5.c4 Be6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nc3 Nd7
[7...dxc4 8.dxc4 Nf6 9.c5=]
8.cxd5 Black is better. **8...cxd5 9.g5 h5** -0.26/21
[9...Ne7∓ -1.12/23 10.gxh6 gxh6]
10.g6= f6 11.Nh4 Ne7 12.e4 d4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.0-0 -1.68/21
[15.Nf5∓ -0.72/20 was worth a try. Bf8 *(15...Bxg2 16.Nxd6+ Kf8 17.Nf7=)* 16.0-0]
15...Bxg2-+ 16.Kxg2 Qb6 17.Nf5 -1.85/19
[17.Qf3∓ -1.47/22 is a better defense.]



17...0-0-0! 18.Qf3 Nf8 -1.44/19
[18...Kb8-+ -1.93/21 19.Qg3 Rhg8]
19.a4 -2.07/19
[19.Nxg7∓ -1.44/19 Qc6 20.Bd2 Nxg6 21.Qxc6+ bxc6 22.Nf5]
19...Nxg6? 1.48/20
[19...Kb8-+ -2.07/19 Hoping for ... Bb4. 20.a5 Qa6]
20.Bd2? -2.76/23
[20.Nxd6+± 1.48/20 Qxd6 21.Qf5+ Kb8 22.Qxg6]
20...Kb8
[20...Qxb2? 21.Rfb1+-]
21.Rfc1 Rc8 -1.54/23 Prevents b4
[21...Qxb2? 22.Rcb1+-]
[21...Bb4-+ -3.16/23 has better winning chances. 22.a5 Qb5 23.Bxb4 Qxb4]
22.a5 Qa6
[22...Qxb2? 23.Rcb1+- *(23.Rxc8+? Rxc8 24.a6 Rc7-+)*]
23.b4 Ne7? 2.62/11
[23...Rhd8∓ -1.29/11 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8]
24.b5!+-
[24.Nxg7? Rcg8 25.Qxf6 Rxg7+ *(25...Nd5? 26.Qf7-+)* 26.Kh2 *(26.Qxg7? Rg8-+)* 26...Rd8-+]
24...Nxf5 25.Qxf5 -3.40/12
[25.Rxc8++- 4.21/11 Rxc8 26.Qd5]
25...Qxb5-+ 26.Rab1 Qd5+ 27.Kg1 g6 28.Qxf6 Rhf8 29.Rxc8+ Kxc8 30.Qg7 Qf7 31.Qxf7 Rxf7 Endgame. KRB-KRB
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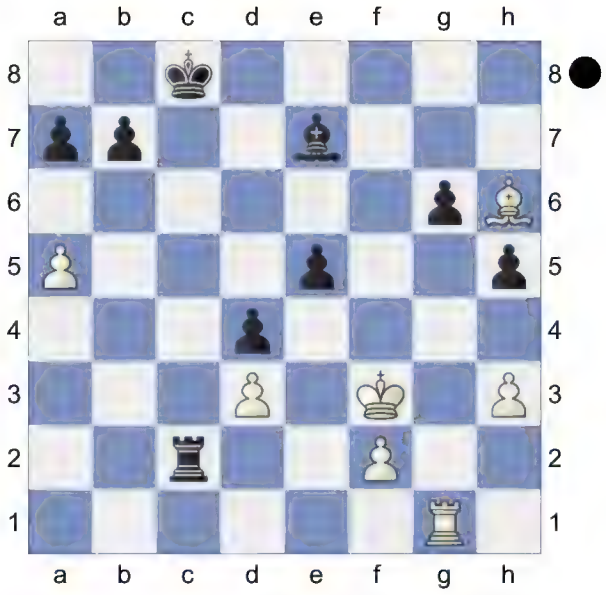

Bh4? -0.43/11
[36...Rc6!-+ -2.54/13 ...Bb4 is the strong threat. 37.Bg7 Bb4 38.Bxe5 Bxa5 39.Bxd4 Bc7]
37.Rxg6∓ Rxf2+
[37...Bxf2 38.Rg8+ Kd7 39.Rg7+ Kc8 *(39...Kc6 40.Rg2±)* 40.Rg2±]
38.Ke4 Re2+ -0.02/10
[38...Bd8∓ -0.43/12 should be considered. 39.Rg8 Kd7]
39.Kd5= b6 40.a6 Ra2 41.Rg8+ Kd7 42.Rg7+! Ke8? 6.29/12
[42...Be7? 43.Bg5 Ra5+ 44.Ke4 Rxa6 45.Rxe7+ Kc6 46.Re6+ *(46.Rxe5 Ra1+-; 46.Kxe5 Ra5+ 47.Kf4 Ra1+-)* 46...Kb7 47.Rxe5+- *(47.Kxe5 Ra5+ 48.Kf4 Ra2+-)*]
[42...Kc8± 0.74/14]
43.Rxa7+-
[Weaker is 43.Kxe5 Rxa6 44.Bf4

Be7=]
43...Ra5+ 44.Ke6 White wants to mate with Ra8+. **44...Kd8 45.Bf8** Threatening mate with Bd6.
[Not 45.Rd7+ Kc8±]
45...e4 46.Bd6 Repels Bg3. What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.85. Loses game: White=1 Black=2 Missed win: White=1 Black=3 Mistake: White=3 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=8 Black=12 Best: White=3 Black=2 Strong: White=2 Black=1
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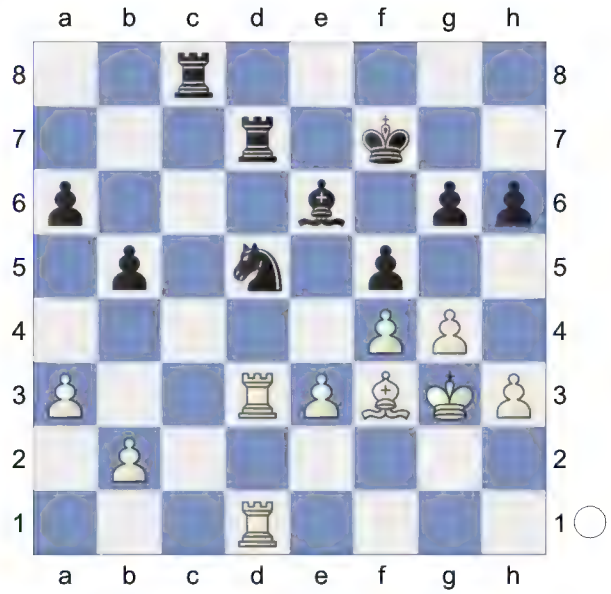
43 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2839**
■ **Petersen,Marcel** **2236**
Titled Tue 9th Sep 2025 blitz (1) 9.9.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.c4N
[3.Bg2 c6 4.b3 *(4.d3 Bd6 5.c4 Be6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.g5 h5 10.g6 f6 11.Nh4 Ne7 12.e4 d4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.0-0 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qb6 17.Nf5 0-0-0 18.Qf3 Nf8* 1-0 (46) Carlsen,M (2853)-Dushyant,S (2345) Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 4...Bd6 5.Bb2 Ne7 6.e3 Nd7 7.d3 Nf8 8.Nd2 Nfg6 9.Ndf3 h5 10.gxh5 Rxh5 11.Ne2 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Rxh4 13.Ng3 Be6 14.Nh5 Nf5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Bb4+ 17.c3 Qa5 ½-½ (98) Van Foreest,J (2714)-Goryachkina,A (2610) Titled Tue 29th Mar Late blitz 2022 (2)]
[3.d3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Be6 5.a3 Qd7 6.b4 f6 7.Bb2 Nge7 8.Nf3 h5 9.g5 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.e3 Bd6 12.c4 Qf7 13.c5 Be7 14.b5 Nb8 15.Qc2 d4 16.0-0-0 Bd5 17.h4 Nd7 1-0 (44) Carlsen,M (2856)-Lazavik,D (2529) Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz 2022 (11)]
3...c6 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Nc3 e4 -0.45/19
[5...Ne7∓ -0.96/18]
6.Nh2? -2.13/19
[6.Nd4∓ -0.45/19]
6...Be6 -0.69/19
[6...dxc4 7.Nxe4 Bc7 8.Qc2=]
[6...Qc7-+ -2.13/19 7.d3 Bxh2 8.cxd5 exd3 9.Qxd3 Ne7]
7.cxd5 cxd5 8.d3 Black is better.
8...exd3 -0.44/21
[8...e3∓ -1.20/21 9.Bxe3 Bxh2]
9.Qxd3∓ Nc6

10.Bg2 -0.83/19
[10.Nf3∓ -0.38/19]
10...Nge7 -0.35/19
[10...Bxh2∓ -0.83/19 11.Rxh2 Nge7]
11.0-0 -1.35/19
[11.Nf3∓ -0.35/19]
11...0-0 -0.01/20
[11...Bxh2+?! 12.Kxh2 h5 13.gxh5=]
[11...h5∓ -1.35/19 12.gxh5 Rxh5]

12.Nf3= Ng6 0.47/20
[12...Nb4= -0.01/20 is more appropriate. 13.Qd2 Rc8]
13.Ng5 -0.69/21
[White should try 13.Nxd5± 0.47/20 Qd7 14.Nc3]
13...Nce5∓ 14.Qd4 -1.88/21
[14.Qd1∓ -0.76/21]
14...h6-+ 15.Nf3 -2.55/19
[⌓15.Nxe6 -1.71/20 fxe6 16.Be3]
15...Nc6 -1.11/20
[15...Rc8-+ -2.55/19 Hoping for ... Nxf3+. 16.Nxe5 Bxe5]
16.Qd3∓ Nf4 0.66/20
[Better is 16...d4∓ -1.10/21 17.Ne4 *(17.Nxd4? Nxd4 18.Rd1 Be5-+)* 17...Rc8]
17.Bxf4± Bxf4 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Nd4 Qb6 20.Qb5 Qxb5 21.Ndxb5 Excellent horsemanship. **21...Rfd8 22.e3 Be5 23.f4 Bxc3** 0.94/22
[23...Bf6± 0.41/22]
24.Nxc3± f5 25.Bf3 White is more active. **25...Rac8 26.Rd3 a6 27.Rfd1 b5** 1.73/21
[27...Kf8± 1.26/20 28.gxf5 *(28.Nxd5 Bxd5 29.Bxd5 Rxd5±)* 28...Nxf5]
28.a3 1.15/21
[28.Nxd5 Rxd5 *(28...Nxd5 29.gxf5 Bf7 30.e4±)* 29.Bxd5 *(29.Rxd5 Nxd5 30.Bxd5 Bxd5±)* 29...Bxd5±]
[28.gxf5+- 1.73/21 Nxf5 29.Nxd5 *(29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.Nxd5 Re8±)*]
28...Kf7 29.Kf2 0.94/18
[29.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(29...Nxd5 30.gxf5* Overworked Piece *Bxf5 31.Bxd5+ Ke7 32.e4±)* 30.Bxd5+ Nxd5±]
[⌓29.gxf5 1.42/23 Nxf5 30.e4 *(30.Bxd5 Bxd5 31.e4 Ne7±; 30.Nxd5 Rc2±)*]
29...g6 30.Kg3
[30.Bxd5 Nxd5 31.Nxd5 fxg4 32.hxg4 Bxg4∓]
30...Rd7 31.Nxd5
[31.Bxd5 Nxd5 32.Nxd5 a5]
31...Nxd5



32.Bxd5 1.44/29
[32.gxf5!+- 1.82/29 gxf5 33.Bxd5]
32...Bxd5 0.94/27
[⌓32...Rxd5 1.44/29 33.Rxd5 Bxd5 34.Rxd5 Ke6 35.Re5+ Kf6]
33.Rxd5 Rxd5 34.Rxd5 Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **34...Ke6 35.Rd3 Rc2 36.b4 Re2?** 4.17/27
[36...Rc1± 1.36/26 37.Kf3 Rh1]
37.Rc3+- Kd5 5.91/27 Repels Rc6
[⌓37...Kd7 3.82/25 38.gxf5 gxf5]
38.Rc5+
[38.Kf3 Rh2+-]
38...Ke4 39.Re5+ Kd3 40.gxf5 gxf5 41.Kf3 aiming for Rd5+.
[41.Rxf5 Rxe3+ 42.Kg4 Kd4±]
41...Rh2 42.Rd5+
[42.Rxf5 Rxh3+ 43.Kg4 Rxe3±]
42...Kc4 43.Rxf5 Rxh3+ 44.Ke4 Kb3 45.Rf6 Kxa3 46.Rxa6+ Kxb4 47.f5 Kc5 7.59/23
[⌓47...Rh1 4.99/20 48.f6 Rf1]
48.f6 White wants to mate with f7.
48...Rh1 49.Kf5 Rf1+ 50.Kg6 b4 51.f7

[Weaker is 51.Kxh6 b3 52.Ra5+ Kc6= *(52...Kb6 53.Ra3±)*]

51...b3 52.Rf6

[52.Kxh6? b2 *(52...Rxf7? 53.Ra1-+)* 53.Kg7 b1Q-+ *(53...b1B?* is the wrong capture. *54.Ra1+-)*]

52...Rg1+ What a bad dream for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.64

53.Kh7

1-0

44 **A00**

□ **Carlsen,M** **2837**

■ **Nakamura,Hi** **2804**

Titled Tue 13th May Early blitz (8)

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 g5 2.d4 d5N

[2...Bg7 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bxg5 Bxg4 5.Qd3 Nc6 6.0-0-0 Qd7 7.Nf3 Nb4 8.Qd2 c5 9.Rg1 Bxf3 10.exf3 cxd4 11.Bb5 Nxa2+ 12.Nxa2 Qxb5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Rxg7 0-0-0 15.Qxd4 Nc6 16.Qf4 Rd7 17.Rxf7 0-1 (42) Paravyan,D (2642)-Dubov,D (2714) Lindores Abbey Tal Mem blitz 2021 (17.8)]

3.h4 Bxg4 4.hxg5 Bf5 5.c4 Nc6 6.Nc3 e6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bh3 0.15/20

[8.Bg2± 0.72/21]

8...Bg6? 1.72/20

[8...Qd7= 0.15/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

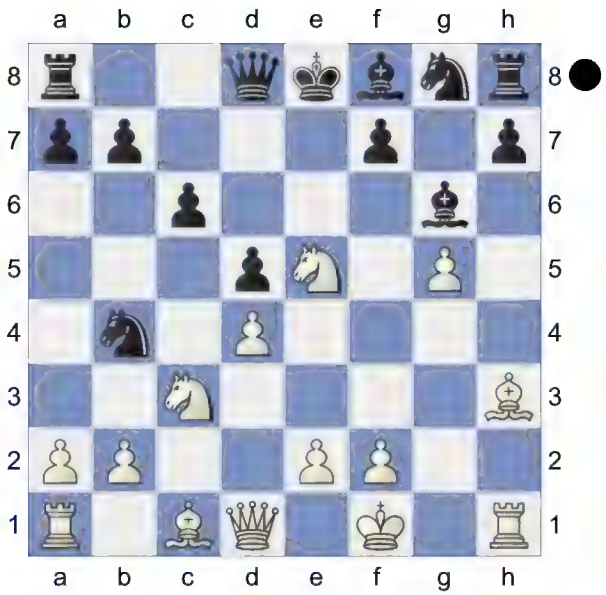
9.Nf3 A mistake that costs the game.

9...Nb4? 2.93/21

[9...Be4± 1.39/19 was called for.]

10.Kf1 c6 11.Ne5

(Diagram)



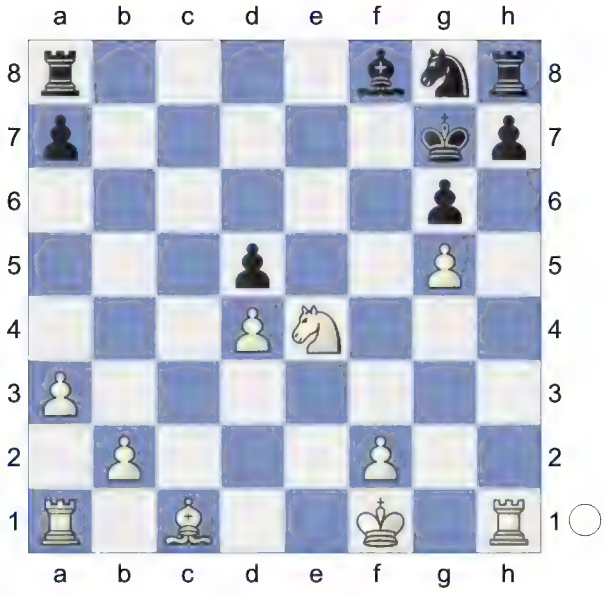
Bd6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 4.39/20

[12...hxg6 2.51/23 13.Bd7+ Qxd7 14.Rxh8 0-0-0]

13.a3 Na6 14.e4 Kf8 6.69/21

[⌓14...Ne7 4.04/20 15.e5 Bc7]

15.exd5+- Kg7 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qf3 Nc7 18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Be6 Qf8 Prevents Qf7+. **20.Qxf8+ Bxf8 21.Bxd5 cxd5**



Black is weak on the dark squares

22.Bf4! Re8

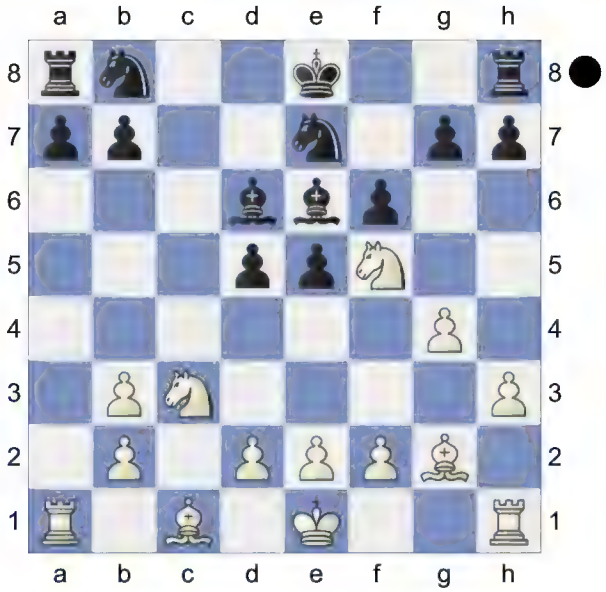
[22...h5 23.Be5+]

23.Nc3 Kf7 24.Nxd5 Rd8 25.Nc3 Bg7

26.Nb5 White is clearly winning.
26...Ne7 27.Nd6+
[Not 27.Nxa7 Rxd4 28.Be3 Rd3±]
27...Kg8 28.Re1 Nd5 29.Be5 h5 30.gxh6 Rxh6 31.Rxh6 Bxh6 32.Ke2 a5 33.Kd3 Rb8 34.Nc4 Rb3+ 35.Ke4 Ne7 36.d5 Nf5 37.d6 Kf7 38.d7 Bg5 39.Rd1 Bd8 40.Kd5 Ke7 41.Kc6 Hoping for Bc7. **41...Ke6 42.Bc3 Ne7+ 43.Kc5 a4 44.Rd6+ Kf7 45.Ba5 Rb8 46.Bxd8 Rxd8 47.Ne5+ Kg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.83
48.Nc6
1-0

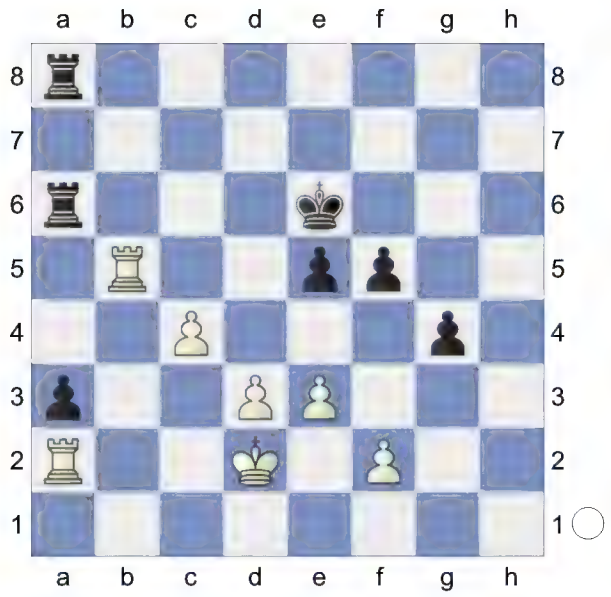
45 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2833**
■ **Serban,Cristian-Stefan** **2332**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (1) 11.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.c4
[4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.Nc3 hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)]
4...Be6 5.Nf3N
[5.Qb3 Qd7 6.d3 Na6 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.dxc4 Nc5 9.Qc2 Bxc4 10.Nf3 f6 11.Bd2 Ne6 12.0-0 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Qe4+ Be6 15.Qxe6+ Qxe6 0-1 De Lombaerde,Y-Krovel Velle,T Belgium-Norway 1993]
5...Bd6 6.Nc3 f6 -0.10/24
[6...dxc4 7.d4∓]
[6...d4∓ -1.03/23 7.Ne4 Bxc4]
7.Qb3= Qb6 8.cxd5 The position is equal. **8...Qxb3 9.axb3 cxd5 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.Nf5**



Deflection **11...Nxf5 12.gxf5 Bxf5 13.Bxd5 Nc6 14.d3 Kd7 15.Be3 a6 16.h4** -0.40/16
[16.Na4= -0.03/16]
16...Be6∓ 17.h5 -0.85/17
[17.Bf3= -0.30/16]
17...g6 -0.15/18
[17...Bxd5∓ -0.85/17 18.Nxd5 Ke6]
18.Bc4 Nb4 -0.07/23
[18...g5∓ -0.43/18]
19.Kd2 b5 20.Bxe6+ Kxe6 21.Ne4 Be7 22.Bc5 Bxc5 0.01/16
[22...f5∓ -0.87/21 23.Bxe7 Kxe7]
23.Nxc5+= Kd6 24.Rac1 Rhc8 25.Ne4+ Ke6 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Nc3 Nd5 28.Rh7 Nxc3 29.bxc3 Endgame KRR-KRR **29...a5 30.Ra1 a4 31.bxa4 bxa4 32.Rh4 a3 33.Rb4 Ra6 34.Ra2 Rca8 35.c4 f5 36.e3 g5 37.Rb5 g4**

(Diagram)

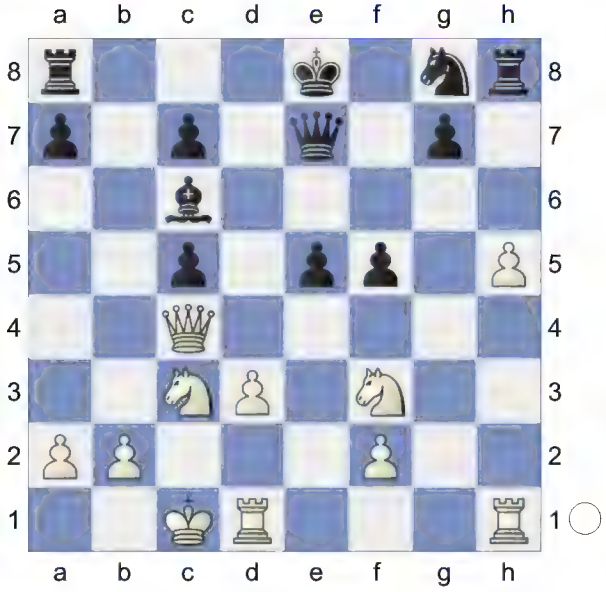


And now ...Rh8 would win. **38.d4 exd4 39.exd4 Kf6** ...Rh8 poses a challenge **40.Kd3** -0.53/19
[40.Kc3= -0.12/20 deserves consideration.]
40...Kg5 -0.01/19
[Black should try 40...Rh8∓ -0.53/19 41.Kc3 Rh2]
41.c5 Kf4 42.d5 Ke5 43.d6 Kd5 44.Ke3 -0.50/24
[44.Ke2= -0.07/22]
44...Kc6 -0.06/22
[44...Ra4∓ -0.50/24 45.Rb3 f4+ *(45...Kxc5 46.Rd3∓)* 46.Kd2 Rd4+ *(46...Kxc5 47.Rd3∓)* 47.Kc2 Kxc5]
45.Rb3 Kxc5 46.Rd3 Rd8 47.d7
And now Rc2+ would win.
[47.Rdxa3 Rxa3+ 48.Rxa3 Rxd6 49.Ra5+]
47...Ra7
[47...Kb4 feels hotter. 48.Kf4 Ra7 49.Kxf5 Rdxd7 50.Raxa3 Rf7+]
48.Raxa3
[48.Rdxa3 simplifies Rxa3+ 49.Rxa3 Rxd7 50.Kf4]
48...Rxa3 49.Rxa3 Rxd7 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **50.Ra5+ Kd6 51.Kf4 Ke6 52.Re5+ Kf7 53.Rxf5+ Kg6 54.Kxg4 Rd4+ 55.Rf4 Rd1 56.Ra4 Rg1+ 57.Kf4 Rc1 58.Ra6+ Kf7 59.Rd6 Rc5 60.Ke4 Rb5 61.Rd5 Rb4+ 62.Kf5 Rb2 63.f4 Rb6 64.Rd7+ Kf8 65.Ke5 Ra6 66.Rd6** Black cannot hold the game after this. **66...Ra5+?** 9.50/28
[66...Ra7= 0.23/27]
67.Kf6+- White is clearly winning.
67...Ra8 Prevents Rd8+. **68.f5 Rb8 69.Ra6 Rc8 70.Kg6** White wants to mate with f6. **70...Rc1 71.Ra8+ Ke7 72.f6+ Ke6 73.Re8+ Kd7 74.f7 Rg1+ 75.Kh5 Rh1+ 76.Kg4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
76...Rg1+
1-0

46 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
■ **Nasuta,G.** **2552**
Titled Tue 19th Mar Early blitz (2)
[TA]

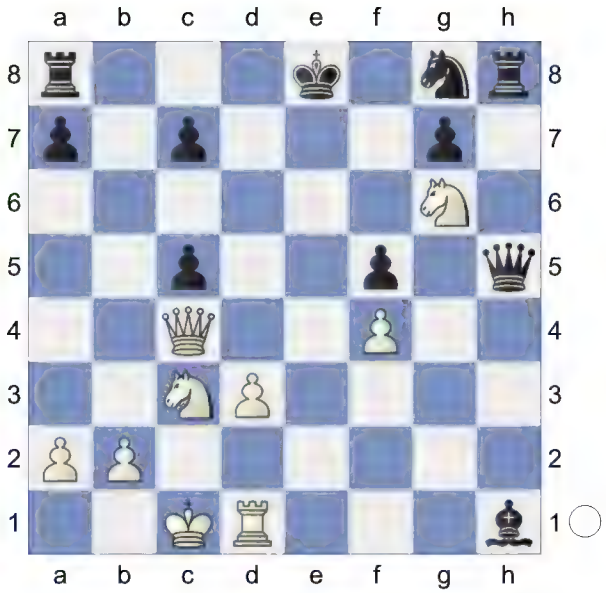
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 e5 4.h4 Nc6 5.Bg2 h5** -0.95/20
[Black should try 5...Nf6 -1.30/22 6.g5 Bg4!]
6.gxh5∓ f5 7.d3 exd3 White must now prevent ...Nb4. **8.Bg5** Black is slightly better. **8...Be7** -0.14/22
[8...Nf6∓ -0.46/18 might be stronger. 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.cxd3 Qd6]
9.cxd3 -0.48/19
[9.Bxc6+= -0.14/22 should be considered. bxc6 10.cxd3]
9...Bxg5 0.16/21
[9...Nb4!∓ -0.48/19 10.Bf1 Be6]
10.Bxc6+= bxc6 11.hxg5 Qxg5 12.Nf3↑ White fights for an advantage.

12...Qe7 0.86/23
[12...Rxh5= 0.16/21 keeps the balance. 13.Rxh5 Qxh5]
13.Qa4!±
[Don't do 13.Qe2 Bb7±]
13...Bd7 0.93/23
[13...Bb7!± 0.58/22]
14.0-0-0 Hoping for Rhe1. **14...c5**
15.Qc4 Threatens to win with Nxe5! 0x0. 00264b4ecfccdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **15...Bc6?** 4.80/23
[15...0-0-0± 1.20/23]



16.Nxe5!+- **Bxh1** **17.Ng6** Pair of Knights! **17...Qg5+** **18.f4** **Qxh5**

(Diagram)

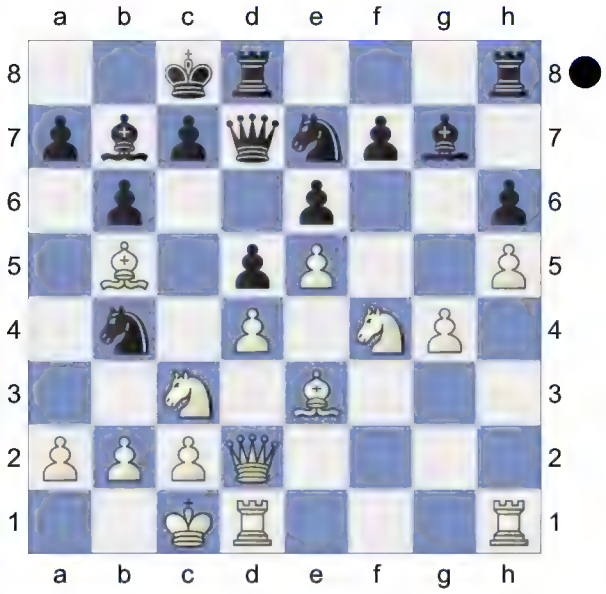


19.Qe6+
[Less strong is 19.Re1+ Kd8 20.Qf7 *(20.Nxh8 Qxh8 21.Qxc5 Nf6±)* 20...Nf6±]
19...Kd8 **20.d4** Threatening mate with Ne5. **20...c4** **21.Ne5** **Nf6** Prevents Qd7+. **22.d5** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.95
1-0

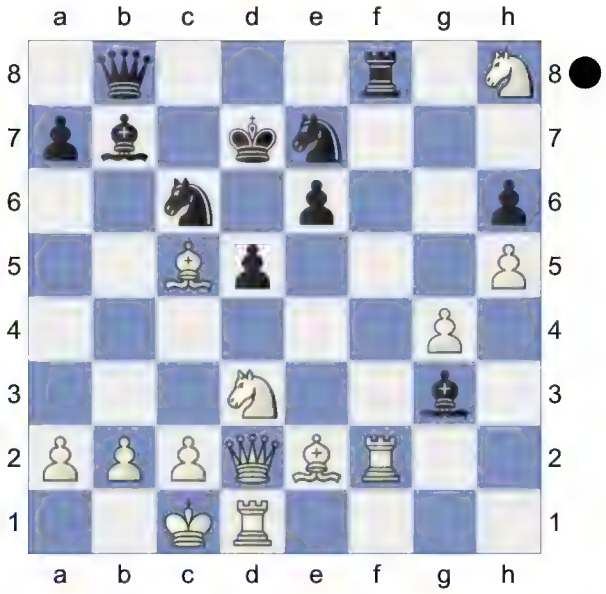
47 **A00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
■ **Prado,A.** **1825**
Titled Tue 16th Jan Early blitz (2)
[TA]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4** **g6** **2.Bg2** **Bg7** **3.h4** **h6** **4.d4** **d6** **5.e4** **Nc6** **6.Be3** **e6** 0.51/19
[6...Nf6 7.f3±]
[6...e5= -0.08/19]
7.Nc3 **Nge7** **8.Nge2** White is slightly better. **8...d5** **9.e5** **b6** **10.h5** **g5** **11.Qd2** 0.07/22
[11.f4± 0.72/20]
11...Ba6 0.44/20

[11...Na5= 0.07/22]
12.f4 gxf4 13.Nxf4 -0.32/21
[13.Bxf4± 0.40/20 Qd7 14.0-0-0]
13...Qd7 0.45/20
[Black should play 13...Na5!∓ -0.32/21]
14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Bf1 Bb7 16.Bd3 0.01/22 &Bianco is more active.
[16.Kb1± 0.81/20]
16...Nb4 0.45/20
[16...Nxe5!= 0.01/22 is superior. 17.dxe5 d4]
17.Bb5 -0.27/22
[17.Kb1± 0.45/20]



17...c6 0.84/24
[17...Nxa2+!= -0.27/22 18.Nxa2 Qxb5]
18.Be2↑ White is in control. White leaves nothing to chance now. **18...Qc7** 1.91/22
[18...c5± 0.80/21]
19.Rhf1
[But not 19.a3 Na6 20.Ng2 Qd7]
19...Rdf8 20.Rf2 c5 3.33/23
[20...Qd8 1.88/21 was called for. 21.Ng2 c5]
21.Nb5!+- Qb8 5.04/22
[⌓21...Qd7 3.34/23 22.dxc5 Nec6 23.cxb6 axb6 24.Bxb6 Qe7]
22.Nd6+ Kd7 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.Bxc5
[Less strong is 24.Bb5+ Bc6±]
24...Nbc6 7.03/21
[⌓24...Nxa2+ 4.23/20 25.Kb1 Bxe5]
25.Nd3 Bxe5 26.Nxf7 Bg3 27.Nxh8



Threatens to win with Rxf8. **27...Rxh8 28.Rf7** Bxe7 is the strong threat. **28...Rf8 29.Rdf1 Rxf7 30.Rxf7 Bd6 31.Qxh6 Bxc5 32.Nxc5+ Kc7 33.Qxe6 Kb6 34.Nd7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.76
1-0

48 **A00**
□ **bancsoo** **2826**
■ **lilmaby** **2598**
Blitz 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.c4 dxc4 4.h3
[4.Na3 Bxg4 5.Nxc4 Be6 6.b3 Nf6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nf3 g6 9.Ng5 Bd5 10.e4 Bxc4 11.bxc4 e5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.d4 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.e5 Nh5 16.f4 Nc5 17.Qg4 Ng7 18.f5 Nxf5 1-0 (49) Beerdsen,T (2494)-

Martinez Alcantara,J (2591) Titled Tue 14. Jun Early 2022 (3)]

4...e5N
[4...h5 5.g5 e5 6.h4 Be6 7.Qc2 Nd7 8.g6 f5 9.e4 Qf6 0-1 Grob,H-Stuber,P FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960]

5.Qc2 Be6 6.Na3 -2.19/19
[6.Nf3∓ -1.55/19]

6...Bxa3!-+ 7.bxa3 Ne7 8.Bb2 -2.33/17
[⌓8.Nf3 -1.81/18]

8...Nd7 9.Nf3 -2.75/17
[9.f4 -1.84/18]

9...f6 10.g5 -2.93/18
[10.Nh4 -1.98/18]

10...0-0 -1.36/19
[10...Ng6-+ -2.93/18 is more deadly. 11.Bf1 fxg5]

11.gxf6∓ gxf6
[11...Rxf6 12.Ng5 Ng6 13.Nxe6 Rxe6 14.Qxc4±]

12.Nh4 Kh8 13.Be4 -1.97/19
[13.0-0-0∓ -1.39/19]

13...Rf7 -1.55/20
[13...Qe8-+ -1.97/19 14.Bf3 *(14.Bxh7? f5-+)* 14...b5]

14.Rg1 Nc5 -0.97/22
[14...Bxh3 15.Qxc4 Qf8 16.Rh1±]
[14...Qb6-+ -1.73/20 15.Rb1 Qc7 *(15...Bxh3 16.Qxc4 Raf8 17.Rg3±)*]

15.0-0-0 -1.76/21
[15.f4∓ -0.97/22 was necessary.]

15...Nxe4!-+
[15...Bxh3? 16.Qxc4 Nxe4 *(16...Ne6? 17.Qb3+-)* 17.Qxf7+-]

16.Qxe4 Qd5
[16...Bxh3 17.Qxe5 Qf8 *(17...fxe5? 18.Bxe5++-)* 18.Qh2+-]

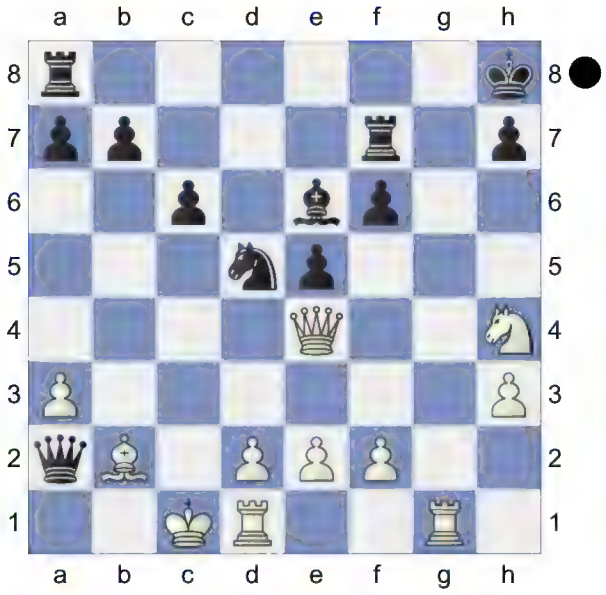
17.Qe3 c3 Discovered Attack **18.Bxc3** -3.14/23
[18.Qxc3∓ -1.23/20 c5 *(18...Qxa2 19.d4∓)* 19.Ng2]

18...Qxa2 -1.87/24
[⌓18...Qc4 -3.14/23 19.Qh6 Qxa2 *(19...Qxe2 20.Rde1∓)*]

19.Bb2? -6.78/19
[19.Bxe5 -1.87/24 Bb3 20.Bb2 Bxd1 21.Qh6]

19...Nd5? -2.26/22
[19...Qc4+ -6.78/19 20.Kb1 Qxh4]

20.Qe4

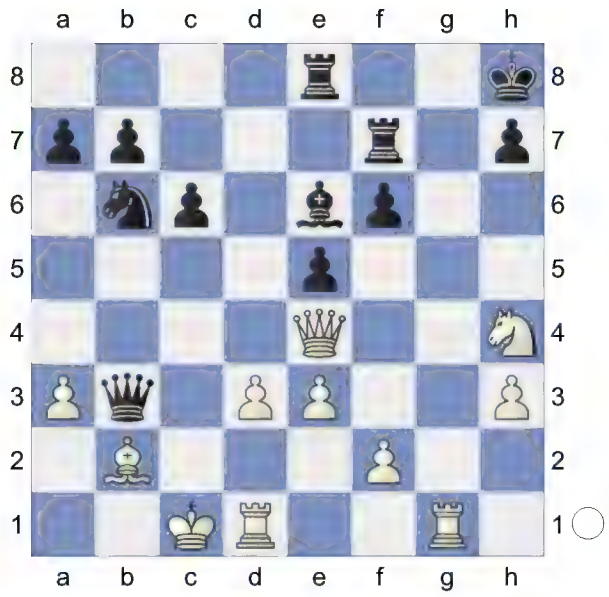


Re8? 0.01/19
[20...Bxh3 21.Rg3 Nf4 22.Bxe5±]
[20...Nf4!-+ -2.23/21 21.d3 b6 *(21...Nxh3 22.Ng6+ Kg8 23.Nxe5+ Nxg1 24.Nxf7±)*]

21.e3? -1.88/19
[21.Nf3!= 0.01/19 and White is okay.]

21...Nb6
[21...Bxh3? 22.Ng6+ Kg8 *(22...hxg6? 23.Qxg6 Qc4+ 24.Bc3+-)* 23.Nf4+ *(23.Nxe5+ Kf8±)* 23...Kh8 24.Nxh3+-]

22.d3 Qb3? 0.74/23
[22...Bxh3? 23.Rg3 Qe6 24.Rdg1+-]
[22...Ref8-+ -2.06/21 ...c5! is the strong threat. 23.Rd2 Qd5 *(23...Bxh3? 24.Qh1±)* 24.Qxd5 cxd5 *(24...Nxd5 25.f4∓)*]



23.Ng6+!± **hxg6** **24.Qxg6→** White attacks with force. **24...Nd7?** 7.79/23

[24...Bf5± 0.72/25 25.Qxf5 Rg8]

25.Qh5++- **Rh7** **26.Qxe8+** **Bg8** **27.Rg4** Threatening mate with Rdg1. **27...Qf7** **28.Qxf7** **Bxf7** **29.f4?** 0.22/21

[White should play 29.Rg3+- 4.75/22]

29...Be6? 5.74/23

[29...Bh5= 0.22/21 and Black stays safe.]

30.Rg3 White is clearly winning. **30...Bxh3** 7.22/25

[⌓30...exf4 4.95/23 31.exf4 Rf7]

31.fxe5 **fxe5** **32.Rdg1** **Be6** Wards off Rg8+ **33.Rg5** Threatens to win with Rxe5. **33...Rh2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=1.19

34.Rxe5

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49 **A00**

□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2795**

■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2652**

chess.com Speed 1m+1spm 2017 (1.26)

[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**

[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4. 3)]

1...e5 **2.c4** **c6N**

[2...h5 3.gxh5 Rxh5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.h4 Ng4 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 f5 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Qa4+ c6 16.Nf4 Rh6 17.h5 1-0 3.♘d2 e5 4.♘gf3 ♗d6 5.g-Dub,Z Oberliga Bayern 9697 1996 Bd7 18.Qb4 Qc7 19.Qd2 0-0-0 20.b4 Kb8 21.a4 d5 22.cxd5 Qe5 23.Ng6 Qd6 24.Rc1 cxd5 25.Rc5 Bc6 26.Qg5 a5 27.bxa5 Be8 28.Nf4 Rf6 29.Rc1 Qb4+ 30.Kf1 Qd2 31.Re1 Bxa4 32.Bf3 23 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game Rd7 33.Kg2 Ka7 34.Ra1 Bc6 35.Rhd1 Qc3 36.Ng6 Qc5 37.Qf4 Qd6 38.Qxd4+ Kb8 39.Rh1 Re6 40.Nf4 Re8 41.a6 Re4 42.dxe4 Qxf4 43.axb7 Rxb7 44.Rh3 Ne5 45.e3 Nxf3 46.Rxf3 Qg4+ 47.Rg3

1-0 3. ♘d2 e5 4. ♘gf3 ♗d6 5.g-Dub,Z Oberliga Bayern 9697 1996]

3.Bg2 d6 4.e3 h5 5.gxh5 Qh4 6.d4 exd4 -0.07/20

[Black should play 6...Nf6∓ -0.72/18]

7.Qxd4 -0.76/17

[7.exd4= -0.07/20 Na6 *(7...Qxh5 8.Nf3=; 7...Rxh5 8.Nc3±)* 8.Nf3 Qxh5 9.Qb3]

7...Qxd4 -0.25/14

[7...Qxh5∓ -0.76/17 8.Ne2 Nf6]

8.exd4= Black has an edge. **8...Rxh5 9.Nc3 Nf6** 0.25/13

[9...Na6 -0.19/11 might be stronger.]

10.Nge2 Bh3 11.Bf3 Bg4 12.Bxg4 Nxg4 13.h3 Ng3 would now be deadly. **13...Nf6 14.Ng3 Rh8 15.Be3 Nbd7 16.Ke2 0-0-0 17.Kf3 g6 18.Rae1 Rh4**

[18...Bg7 simplifies 19.h4 Nb6 20.b3 d5]

19.b3 Bh6 20.Bxh6 Rxh6 21.Nce4 Kc7 22.Ng5 Rf8 23.Re7 Nh7 0.67/11

[23...Rh4= 0.15/23]

24.h4 -0.05/16 White has more active pieces.

[24.Nxf7? perishes. Rxf7+ *(24...Ng5+? 25.Kg2-+)* 25.Rxf7 Ng5+ 26.Kg2 Nxf7-+]

[24.Nxh7!± 0.67/11 Rxh7 25.Ne4]

24...Kd8

[24...Nxg5+ simplifies 25.hxg5 Rxh1 26.Nxh1 d5]

25.Ree1

[25.Rxf7? is the wrong capture. Nxg5+ 26.hxg5 Rxf7+-+]

25...Nxg5+ 26.hxg5 Rxh1 27.Rxh1 Endgame. KRN-KRN **27...f6 28.gxf6 Rxf6+ 29.Ke3 Nf8 30.Ne4 Re6** Threatens to win with ...d5. **31.d5 cxd5 32.cxd5 Re5 33.Kd4 Ke7** 1.97/15

[33...Rh5!± 0.36/16 34.Rxh5 gxh5 35.Nxd6 h4]

34.Rc1? 0.14/18

[White has to play 34.Re1!+- 1.97/15 Hoping for f4. Kd8 35.Re3]

34...Kd7 35.Rg1

[35.Nc5+!? Ke7 36.Nxb7=]

35...Rf5 36.Rg4 Ke7 37.f4 Rh5 38.Rg2 Rh4 39.Rf2 Rh5 40.Re2 Rh4 41.Nc5+ Kf7 1.21/11

[41...Kd8!= 0.06/11 remains equal. 42.Nxb7+ Kc7 43.Re7+ Nd7]

42.Nxb7± Rxf4+ 43.Kd3 Rf6 44.Nd8+ Kg7 45.Re7+ Kg8 1.58/7

[⌓45...Kh6 0.87/15]

46.Rxa7 g5 47.Ra8 0.22/14

[White should try 47.Nc6!± 1.38/9]

47...g4? 3.35/14

[47...Kg7!= 0.22/14]

48.Ra4? 0.09/11

[48.Ne6+- 3.35/14 g3 49.Nxf8]

48...Rg6 And now ...g3 would win. **49.Ke2 g3 50.Kf1** Strongly threatening Kg2. **50...Nd7 51.Ne6 g2+** 0.71/7

[51...Nb6= 0.17/10 keeps the balance. 52.Rd4 Rf6+ 53.Rf4 Nxd5 Pin 54.Rxf6 Nxf6]

52.Kg1 aiming for Ra8+. **52...Ne5** 1.10/11

[52...Nf6± 0.65/16]

53.Rf4 Black must now prevent Rf2. **53...Rg3**

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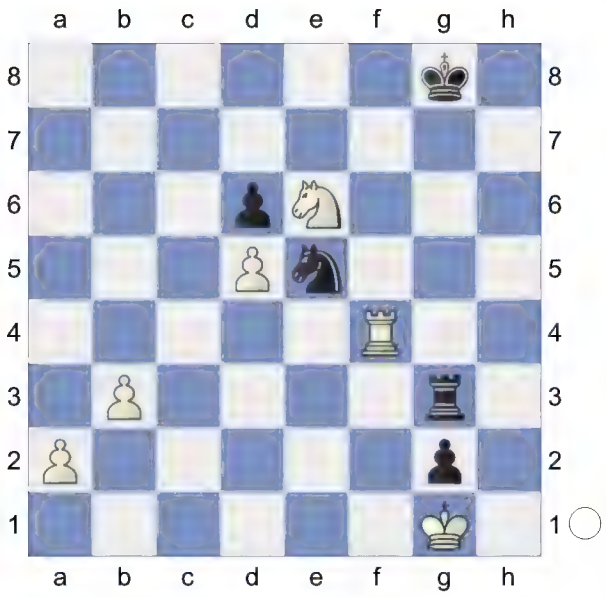

54.Nd4 0.13/18 Against Nf3+
[54.Rf8+!± 0.99/16 Kh7 55.Rf2]
54...Rd3? 2.03/21
[54...Nd3= 0.13/18 and Black stays safe. 55.Rf3 Rxf3 56.Nxf3 Kf7]

55.Kxg2? 0.05/11
[55.Nc6!+- 2.03/21]
55...Rd2+= The position is equal.
56.Kg3 Rxa2 57.Nf5 Rd2 58.b4 Rd3+ 59.Kg2 Ng6 60.Rg4 Kh7 61.Rg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.37. Loses game: --- Black=3 Missed win: White=3 --- Mistake: White=4 Black=8 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=3 OK: White=15 Black=15 Best: White=3 Black=5 . Loss on time!?
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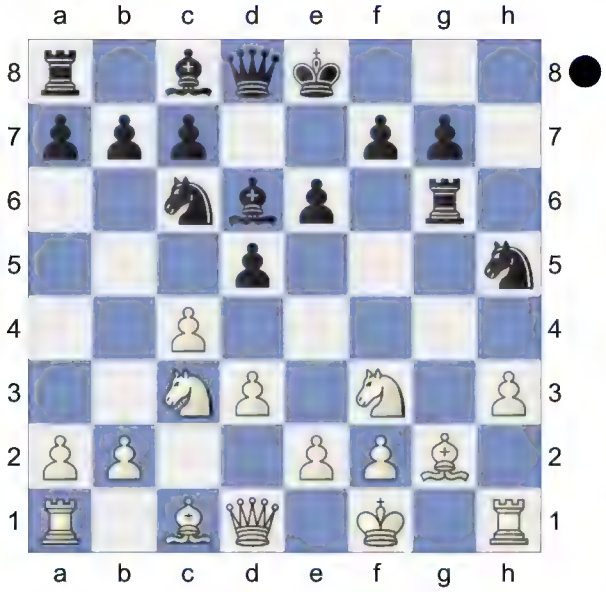
50 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2780**
■ **Yu,Yangyi** **2720**
Chess.com Speed Chess blitz (1) 8.9.23
[MH]

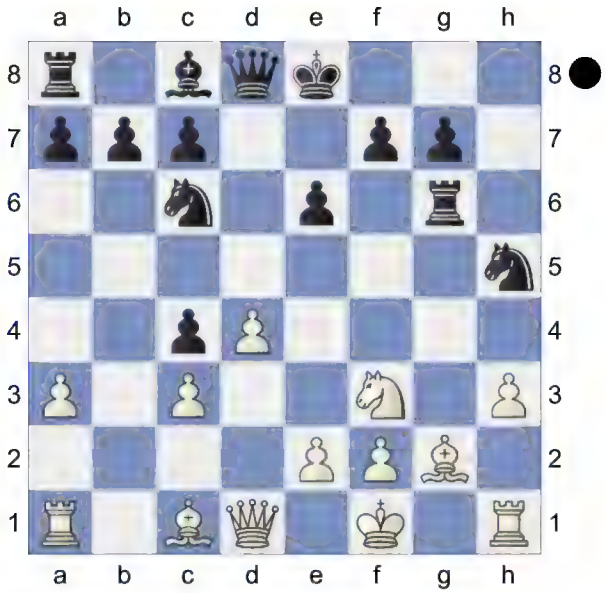
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6N**
[2...Bxg4 3.c4 c6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qb3 Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2 14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf5+* 0-1 Irlbacher, R (1443)-Weiss,W (2023) corr 8. DSFC/V1 Post 2017*)* 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.cxd5 *(5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Qxc6+ Bd7* 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.Q *)* 5...cxd5 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 *(7.d4 Rb8 8.Qxa7 Qc8 9.Nc3 Ra8* 0-1 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c *)* 7...e6 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Bb4 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1. g4 d5 − 5.c]
[2...c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18

op Olpe 2005]
3.c4 e6 4.h3 h5 5.gxh5 Nf6 -1.00/18
[5...Rxh5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d4∓]
[⌓5...dxc4 -1.37/21 6.Qa4 Rxh5]
6.h6 Rxh6 7.Nf3 Bd6 -0.36/22
[Black should play 7...Rg6∓ -1.47/24 8.cxd5 Nxd5 *(8...exd5 9.Nh4∓)*]
8.d3 Black is slightly better. **8...Rg6**
9.Kf1 Nh5 Black is more active. **10.Nc3**



Bb4 0.26/21
[10...d4!∓ -0.95/20 11.Ne4 Bf4]
11.a3 -0.63/19
[White should try 11.cxd5= 0.26/21 exd5 12.Qa4]
11...Bxc3∓ 12.bxc3 dxc4! 13.d4

(Diagram)



e5! 14.e4
[14.Qa4 Bd7]
14...Qf6 -0.36/20
[14...exd4∓ -0.89/22 Strongly threatening ...d3. 15.cxd4 Qe7]
15.Nxe5 Ng3+ 0.00/25
[15...Nxe5∓ -0.36/26 is more appropriate. 16.Qxh5 Nd3]
16.Kg1= Nxh1 17.Nxg6 aiming for Nf4.
17...Nxf2
[17...Qxf2+ 18.Kxh1 fxg6 19.Qd2 Qxd2 20.Bxd2±]
18.Qf3 -3.50/23 White is on the road to losing.
[18.Qh5= 0.00/22 and White has nothing to worry. fxg6 *(18...Qxg6 19.Qh8+ Kd7 20.Kxf2=)* 19.Qh8+ Kf7 20.Be3 Bxh3 21.Qxa8 Bxg2 22.Kxg2]
18...Nxh3+-+ Excellent horsemanship.
[Stronger than 18...Qxg6 19.Kxf2 Bd7 20.h4=]
19.Kh2 Qxf3
[Resist 19...fxg6 20.Qxf6 gxf6 21.Bxh3-+]
20.Bxf3 fxg6 21.Be3 Bd7 22.Bg2

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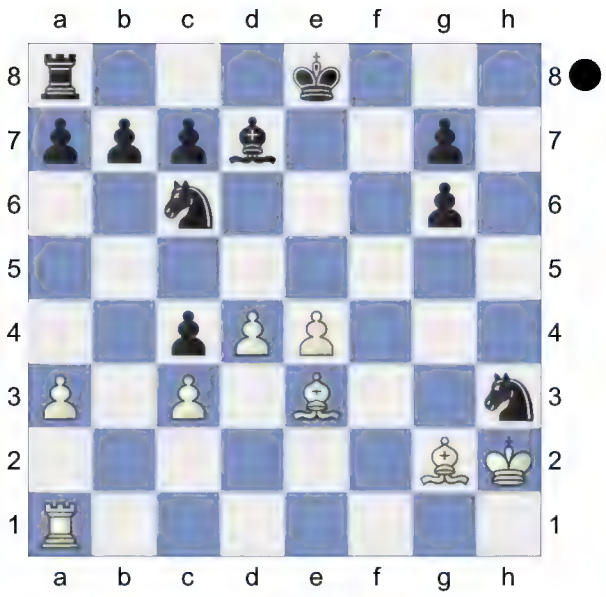
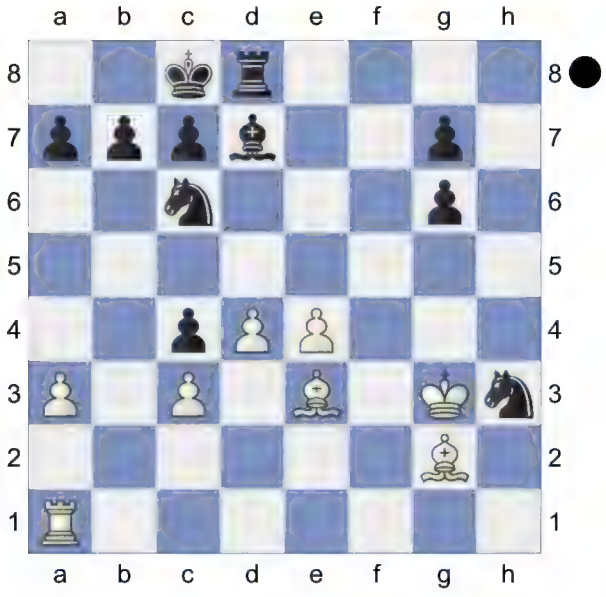


0-0-0! 23.Kg3



Re8! 24.e5
[24.Rh1 b5]

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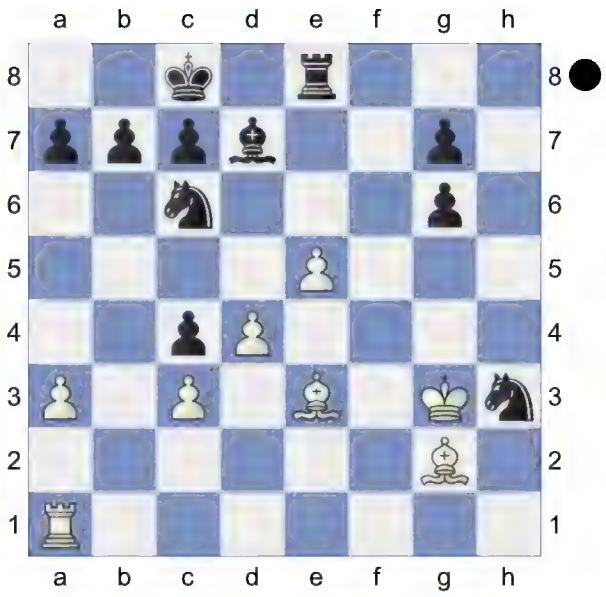

24...Nxe5! 25.dxe5 Rxe5 26.Bd2 Ng5 27.Bf4 Ne4+ 28.Bxe4 Rxe4
Endgame. KRB-KRB **29.Rh1 b6 30.Rh7 Re7 31.Bg5 Rf7 32.Be3 Bc6 33.Bd4 Be4** ...Kb7 would now be deadly.
[Less strong is 33...Rf3+ 34.Kh2∓]
34.Kg4? -5.14/22
[34.Rxg7 -2.89/22 Rd7 35.Kf4]
34...Bf5+ 35.Kg5 Kd7 36.Bxg7 Kc6
And now ...Kb5 would win. Black is clearly winning. **37.Kh6 Bd3 38.Rh8** -6.26/22
[⌓38.a4 -4.35/19]
38...Kb5 39.Bf8 Rf5 40.Kg7 Rh5 41.Rg8 c5 42.Be7 Re5 43.Kf6 Re2
White must now prevent ...Rxe7! **44.Ra8 a5** ...Rxe7! is the strong threat. **45.Bd8** -7.22/21
[⌓45.Rb8 -4.95/20 Rc2 46.Bd8]
45...Re8 46.Rb8 Ka4 47.Kf7 Rh8 48.Kg7 Re8 49.Kf7 Rh8 50.Kg7

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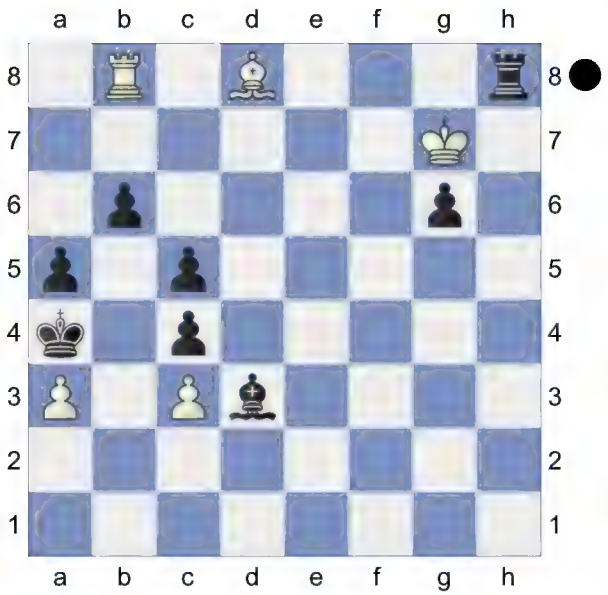

Rxd8! 51.Rxd8 Kxa3 52.Rb8 Kb3 53.Rxb6+ Kxc3 54.Kf6 Kd2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.29 (precise) . Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=4 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=5 Black=2 OK: White=6 Black=16 Best: White=2 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=1
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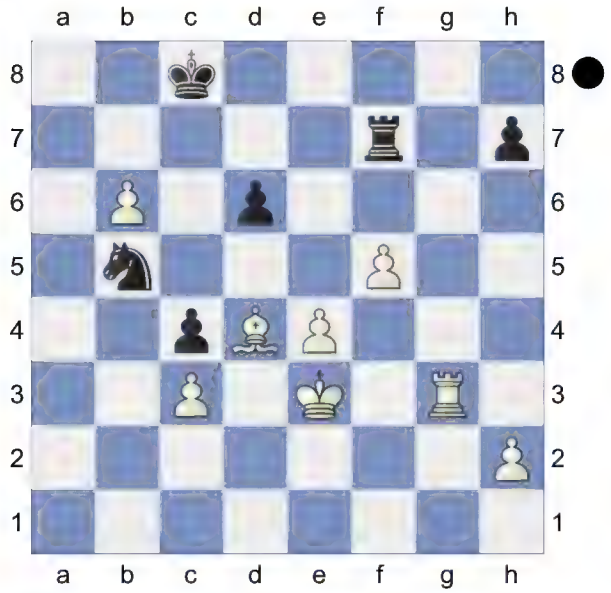
51 **A00**
□ **Caruana,F** **2776**
■ **Leiva,G** **2387**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (9) 27.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5
[1...d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.c4 Bxg4 4.Qb3 Qb6 5.cxd5 Qxb3 6.axb3 cxd5 7.Bxd5 Nc6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.Ra4 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 0-0-0 11.Nxe7+ Nxe7 12.Rxg4 h5 13.Rc4+ Nc6 14.Nf3 f6 15.d3 g5 16.Be3 1-0 (31) Walker,J-Lanaway,J BCCA v BCCS match 2002-3 (43.2)]
2.d4 e4N
[2...exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Qb3 cxb2 5.Bxb2 h5 6.g5 Qxg5 7.Nf3 Qf4 8.Nbd2 Nc6 9.Rc1 b6 10.Rc4 Qh6 11.Rg1 Nf6 12.Ng5 Na5 13.Re4+ Nxe4 14.Qxf7+ Kd8 15.Ngxe4 Qc6 16.Rxg7 Ba6 17.Rh7 0-1 (38) Poder,W-Eidus,N Eesti Male corr 1936 Bc4 18.Nxc4 Bb4+ 19.Kd1 Rf8 20.Rh8 Rxh8 21.Ne5 Qa4+ 22.Kc1 Re8 23.Bg2 Ba3 24.Qf6+ Kc8 25.f4 Bxb2+ 26.Kxb2 Nc4+ 27.Kc3 Nxe5 28.fxe5 Qa3+ 29.Kd2 Qxa2+ 30.Ke3 Qe6 31.Kd4 c5+ 32.Kd3 0-1 (38) Almaryami,M-Naglis,B 8/276 Dresden 1969]
3.c4 c6 4.d5 Qh4 5.Nc3 Nf6 2.17/22
[5...h5± 1.02/19]
6.g5+- Bc5 Against Qd4 **7.gxf6 e3**

8.Nh3 White is clearly better.
[8.fxg7? Qxf2#]
8...d6? 3.74/21
[8...exf2+ 1.92/20 was called for. 9.Kd2 d6]
9.Qd3
[9.fxg7 exf2+ 10.Kd2 Rg8+-]
9...Bxh3? 7.11/20
[9...exf2+ 3.68/18 10.Kd1 0-0]

10.Bxe3 Bb4 11.fxg7 Rg8 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Rg1 Nd7 14.0-0-0 Ne5 15.Qe4 f5 16.Qf4 Bxc3 17.bxc3
[17.Rg3 Bxb2+ 18.Kxb2 Qh5±]
17...c5 18.Rg5 0-0-0 19.Rdg1 Ng6 20.Qxf5+ Qxf5 21.Rxf5 Rxg7 22.f4 Re7 23.Kd2 Rde8 24.Rg3 Re4 25.Kd3 a6 26.a4 Kc7 27.Rf6 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.cxb5 c4+ 30.Kd2 Ne7 31.Rf7 Kc8 32.Bd4
[Weaker is 32.Rxh7 Nf5+-]
[32.Rg5 h6 33.Rh5 Nxd5+-]
32...Nxd5 33.e3
[33.Rxh7 is a self mate. Rxe2+ 34.Kc1 Re1+ 35.Kb2 R8e2+ 36.Ka3 Ra1#]
33...R4e7 34.Rxe7 Rxe7 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **35.f5 Rf7 36.e4 Nc7 37.b6 Nb5 38.Ke3**



Black must now prevent Rg7. **38...d5 39.Be5 Kb7 40.f6**
[40.exd5 Rxf5 41.Ke4 Rf1]
40...Kxb6 41.exd5 Kc5 42.Ke4 Rf8 43.Rg7 Nd6+ 44.Bxd6+ Kxd6 45.f7 Ke7 46.Ke5 h5 47.d6+ Kd7
White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.92

48.Kf6 16.28/29
[⌓48.Kd5 34.35/27 h4 49.h3 *(49.Kxc4 Kxd6 50.Kd4 Ke7+-)* 49...Kc8 50.Kc6 *(50.Kxc4 Kb7+-; 50.Rg8 Kd7+-)* 50...Kb8 51.Rg8 Rxg8 52.fxg8Q+ Ka7 53.Qe8 Ka6 54.Qa8#]
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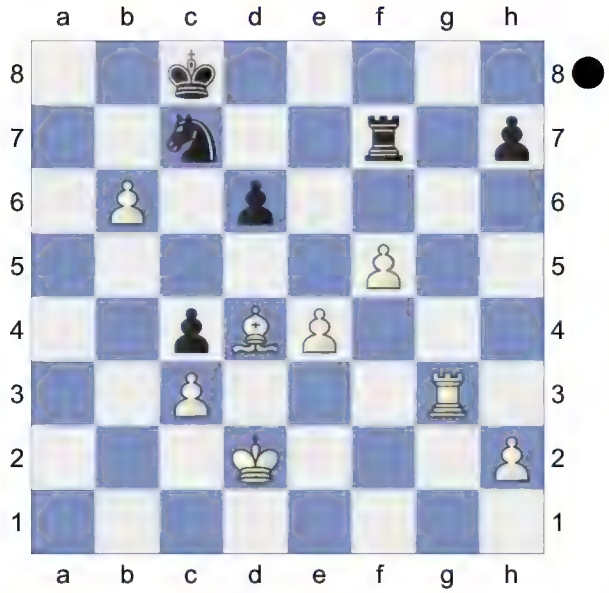
52 **A00**
□ **Caruana,F.** **2776**
■ **Leiva,G.** **2387**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (9) 27.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.d4 e4 3.c4 c6 4.d5 Qh4 5.Nc3 Nf6** 2.14/22
[5...h5± 1.07/20 was necessary.]

6.g5!+- Threatens to win with Qd4.
6...Bc5 Prevents Qd4. And now ...Ng4 would win. **7.gxf6**
[7.Nh3 Nxd5 8.cxd5 d6±]
7...e3 8.Nh3 White is clearly better.
8...d6? 4.09/21
[8...exf2+ 2.17/21 9.Kd2 d6]

9.Qd3
[Not 9.Bxe3 Bxe3 10.fxg7 Rg8+-]
9...Bxh3? 7.33/22
[9...exf2+ 3.76/19 10.Kd1 gxf6 11.Qe4+ Qxe4 12.Nxe4 Nd7 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxf2 cxd5 15.cxd5 Bf5]
10.Bxe3 Bb4 11.fxg7 Rg8 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Rg1 Nd7 14.0-0-0 Ne5 15.Qe4 f5 16.Qf4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 c5 18.Rg5 0-0-0 19.Rdg1 Ng6 20.Qxf5+ Qxf5 21.Rxf5 Rxg7 22.f4 Re7 23.Kd2 Rde8 24.Rg3 Re4 25.Kd3 a6 26.a4 Inhibits b5. **26...Kc7 27.Rf6 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.cxb5 c4+ 30.Kd2 Ne7 31.Rf7 Kc8 32.Bd4**
[Weaker is 32.Rg5 h6 33.Rh5 Nxd5+-]
32...Nxd5 33.e3 R4e7 34.Rxe7 Rxe7 Endgame KRB-KRN **35.f5 Rf7 36.e4 Nc7 37.b6**



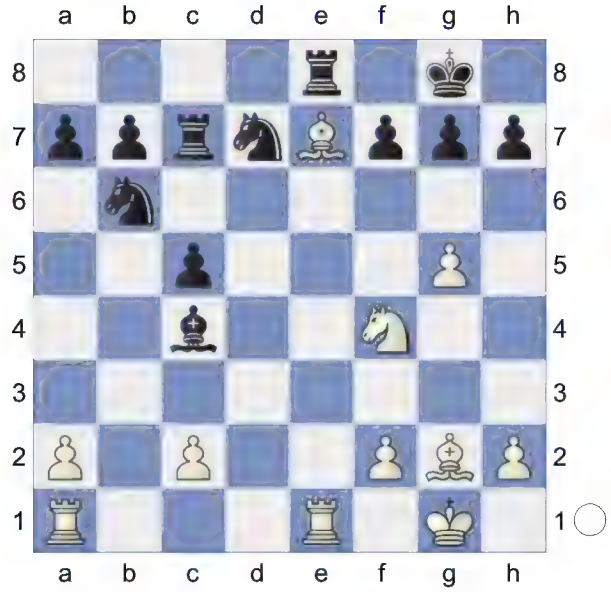
Rg8+ is the strong threat. **37...Nb5 38.Ke3** Hoping for Rg7. **38...d5 39.Be5 Kb7 40.f6 Kxb6 41.exd5 Kc5 42.Ke4 Rf8 43.Rg7 Nd6+ 44.Bxd6+ Kxd6 45.f7 Ke7 46.Ke5** Threatening mate with d6+. **46...h5 47.d6+ Kd7 48.Kf6** White took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.91
1-0

53 **A00**
□ **Caruana,F** **2776**
■ **Sethuraman,Roshan** **2074**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (4) 27.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5 e5 4.d4 exd4N
[4...Nd7 5.h4 Bd6 6.c4 e4 *(6...dxc4 7.d5 cxd5 8.Qxd5 Nb6 9.Qa5 Ne7 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Be3 0-0 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Rxd6 Qxd6 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Qxa8 b5 17.Nf3 e4 18.Nxe4 Qf4+ 19.Ned2 Bf5 20.Qa3 Rd8 21.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Nihal,S (2693)-Puranik,A (2645) Titled Tue 23rd Jan Early blitz 2024 (8)) 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.Qb3 0-0 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Re8 13.Bxe4 Qc7 14.Bd3 Nb6 15.Qb5 Qe7 16.Nf3 Bd7 17.Qe5 Qf8 18.Qg3 Bc6 19.Rh3 0-1 (32) Nihal,S (2693)-Zhigalko,S (2572) Titled Tue 23rd Jan Early blitz 2024 (10)]
5.Qxd4 Ne7 6.e4 Prevents Nf5
6...dxe4 0.41/22
[6...c5= -0.25/21 7.Qxc5 d4]
7.Qxe4 -0.56/21
[7.Qxd8+± 0.41/22 Kxd8 8.Nc3]
7...Be6 8.Nc3 Active counter play! The position is equal. **8...Nd5** 0.39/21
[8...Na6= -0.15/23]
9.Nge2± Bb4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.c4 Nb6 13.Nf4 Bxc4
[13...Nxc4? 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qxc4+- *(15.Qxe6+ Rf7+-)*]

14.Re1 N8d7 15.Ba3⇄ White is fighting back **15...Re8**
[15...f5 simplifies 16.Qf3 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.h4 Qe5]
16.Be7 Qc7 0.82/25
[16...Bd5± 0.32/24]
17.Qd4 c5 18.Qd6 Rac8 1.37/22
[18...Qxd6± 0.58/23 19.Bxd6 Ba6]
19.Qxc7!± Rxc7



20.Bd6! Discovered Attack **20...Rcc8**
21.Bxb7 Rcd8 2.07/22
[21...Rxe1+± 1.23/24 22.Rxe1 Rd8]
22.Bc7 This pair of bishops is nice.
22...Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Rf8 24.Re7 0.62/23
[24.h4+- 1.90/21]
24...f6± 25.g6 0.35/21
[25.Ne6± 0.77/23 Bxe6 26.Rxe6]
25...hxg6 Remove Defender **26.Nxg6 Rf7 27.Re8+ Kh7! 28.Nf4** -0.21/23
[28.Be4? f5 29.Nh8 *(29.Bxb6? axb6 30.Nh8 Rf6-+)* 29...Rf8 *(29...fxe4 30.Nxf7 Bxf7 31.Re7∓)* 30.Rxf8 Nxf8 31.Bxf5+ Kxh8-+]
[⌓28.Ne7 0.25/25 g6 29.a3 Decoy]
28...Rf8 0.52/21
[28...Bxa2= -0.21/23 29.Bd6 Nc4]
29.Be4+ 0.01/21
[29.Re3± 0.52/21]
29...Kh6 30.Rxf8 Nxf8 31.a3 Ne6 1.25/24
[31...Nfd7± 0.38/21]
32.Bb8 0.56/24
[32.Bd6± 1.25/24]
32...Nxf4 1.45/21
[32...Nd7± 0.56/24 33.Nxe6 *(33.Bxa7? Nxf4 34.Bc6 Ne2+ 35.Kh1 Be6-+)* 33...Nxb8 34.Nxc5 Kg5]
33.Bxf4+ Endgame KBB-KBN **33...g5** 2.33/25
[33...Kh5± 1.27/25]
34.Bd6+- Nd7 35.Bf5 Bb5 36.f4 Dodges Ne5 **36...Kg7** 2.83/27
[36...gxf4 1.96/25 37.Bxf4+ Kh5]
37.Kf2 Bc6 38.Kg3 Bb5 39.c3 1.27/25
[39.Be6+- 2.78/24]
39...Ba4 2.18/28
[39...Kf7± 1.27/25 40.c4 Ba4]
40.Be4 Bb5? 2.95/26
[40...Kf7± 1.34/26 is a better defense.]
41.Bc2 1.59/24
[41.Kg4+- 2.95/26]
41...Kf7± 42.a4 Bc6 2.20/25
[⌓42...Be2 1.65/26 43.Bf5 Nb6]
43.Bb3++- Kg6

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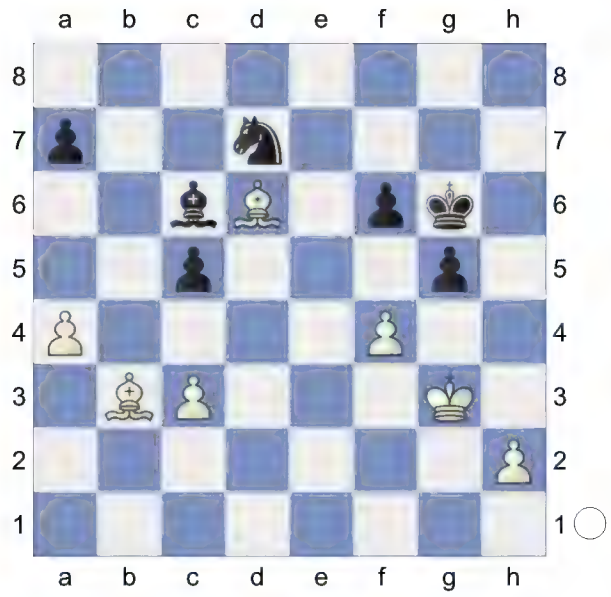
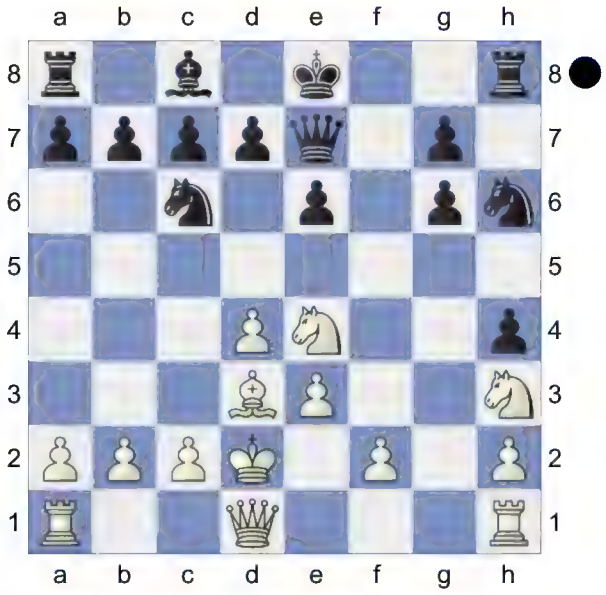


44.Be6? 0.01/26
[44.a5!+- 1.98/23]
44...gxf4+ 45.Kxf4 Bxa4 46.h4 Kh5 47.Kg3 Kg6 48.Kg4 Bd1+ 49.Kf4 Ba4 50.Bg4 a5 51.Bc7 Bc2? 6.04/27
52.Bxa5? 0.07/25
[52.Bxd7+- 6.04/27 a4 53.Be6]
52...f5 53.Bf3 Kf6 0.56/25
[Black should play 53...Nf6= 0.01/23]
54.Bd8+± Ke6 55.h5 Ne5 56.Bg2 1.08/26
[56.Be2± 0.57/26]
56...Nd3+ 1.65/25
[56...Nf7± 1.08/26 57.Bb6 Bd1]
57.Kg5+- f4? 4.60/25
[57...Ne5± 1.45/25 is a better chance. 58.Bc7 Nf7+ 59.Kg6 f4+ 60.Kg7 Bd1]
58.h6? 0.46/21
[Better is 58.c4+- 4.60/25 Kd7 59.Bf6]
58...Ne1? 4.42/26
[58...f3!± 0.46/21 59.Bh3+ *(59.Bxf3 Ne5±)* 59...Kd5]
59.Bh3+ Ke5? 8.88/21
[59...Kf7 2.94/24 60.Kxf4 Bh7]
60.Bc7+ Kd5 61.Bxf4 Bf5 is the strong threat. **61...Kc4 62.Bf5 Nf3+ 63.Kf6 Bxf5 64.Kxf5 Kxc3 65.h7** White threatens Ke4 and mate. **65...Nd4+ 66.Kf6 Kb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.59
67.Be5
1-0

54 **A00**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2774**
■ **Wei,Yi** **2721**
chess.com Speed 2019 (1.27) 03.09.19
[MH]

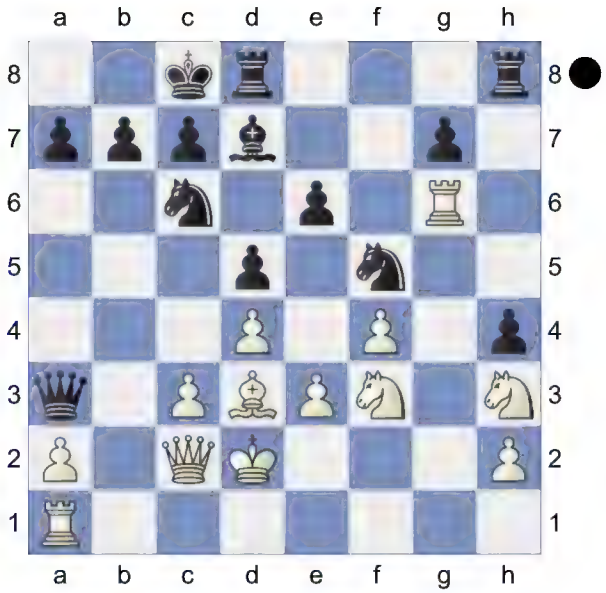
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**
[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4.3)]
1...h5 2.g5 h4 3.g6N
[3.d4 d6 4.Qd3 g6 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.c3 Bd7 7.Na3 Qc8 8.h3 e5 9.d5 Nce7 10.Nf3 f5 11.gxf6 Nxf6 12.Bg5 Bf5 13.Qc4 Nfxd5 14.Nxh4 c6 15.e4 Nb6 16.Qd3 Be6 17.Qxd6 Rxh4 Mehnert-Grob,H FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942]
3...fxg6 4.d4 e6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.e3 0.12/10
[6.Nf3± 1.18/11]
6...Bb4 7.Bd3 Qf6 8.Bd2 White is

slightly better. **8...Nh6** 1.18/13
[Better is 8...Bxc3± 0.63/19 9.Bxc3 e5]
9.Ne4± Bxd2+ 10.Kxd2 -0.40/11
[White has to play 10.Qxd2± 1.10/11 Qe7 11.f4]
10...Qe7∓ ...d5 is the strong threat.
11.Nh3



Threatens to win with Nf4. **11...d5**
12.Neg5 Nf5 -0.20/11
[12...e5!∓ -0.63/11 is superior. 13.Bxg6+ Kd8]
13.f4= Qb4+ 14.c3 Qxb2+ 15.Qc2! Qa3
[15...Qxc2+ 16.Bxc2 Na5 17.Bd3=]
16.Nf3 Bd7 17.Rhg1 0-0-0 18.Rxg6 -1.53/17
[18.Ne5= -0.17/13 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



18...Na5? 0.00/10
[Black should try 18...Nfe7!∓ -1.53/17 19.Rxg7 e5]
19.Ne5 Ba4 0.85/15
[19...Rh6= 0.00/10 keeps the balance.]
20.Qc1 Dancing on a razor blade.
20...Qf8 1.10/8
[20...Qe7± 0.68/17]
21.Ng5!± Rh6? 4.31/12
[21...Bd7 2.41/10 was worth a try. 22.Ngf7 *(22.Nxe6 Bxe6 23.Rxe6 Nd6±)* 22...Qe7]
22.Nxe6+- Active counter play!
[22.Rxe6 Nd6±]
22...Rxg6 23.Nxg6 1.24/11
[23.Nxf8+- 4.08/11 is the precise move to win. Rg2+ 24.Ke1 Rg1+ 25.Kf2 Rxc1 26.Bxf5+ Kb8 27.Rxc1 Rxf8 28.Bc2]
23...Qf6 2.65/12
[23...Nc4+± 1.24/11 24.Bxc4 Qe8]
24.Bxf5? 0.65/13
[24.Nxd8+- 2.65/12 Qxg6 25.Qg1 Nc4+ 26.Bxc4]
24...Rd6? 4.73/11
[24...Nc4+!± 0.65/13 25.Ke1 Bd7]
25.Nc5+ White is clearly winning.

[Not 25.Nxg7+ Kb8 26.Qg1 Nc4+ 27.Ke2 Qxg7+-]

25...Kd8 26.Bd3

[26.Nxa4 Nc4+ 27.Ke2 Qxf5∓]

26...b6 27.Nxa4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.75. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=2 --- Mistake: White=2 Black=7 Inaccurate: --- Black=3 OK: White=11 Black=8 Best: --- Black=1 Strong: White=2 ---

1-0

55 **A00**

□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2774**

■ **Wei,Yi** **2721**

chess.com Speed 2019 (1.29) 03.09.19

[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 h5 2.gxh5 Rxh5 3.e4 Re5 4.Nc3 d5 5.d4 Re6 6.Nf3** aiming for Ng5. **6...dxe4 7.Ng5** Hoping for Qh5! **7...Rg6 8.Bc4** White has strong compensation. White is better.

[Much less strong is 8.Ngxe4?! e5±]

8...e6 9.h4 Nc6 10.Be3 Bb4 11.Qh5? -0.04/22

[11.Ngxe4+- 1.84/13 Black must now prevent h5. e5 12.Qf3]

11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Threatens to win with Qh8! **12...Nf6 13.Qh8+ Ke7 14.Qxd8+ Nxd8 15.0-0-0 b6 16.Rdg1** -1.27/23

[16.Nh3= 0.00/24 remains equal.]

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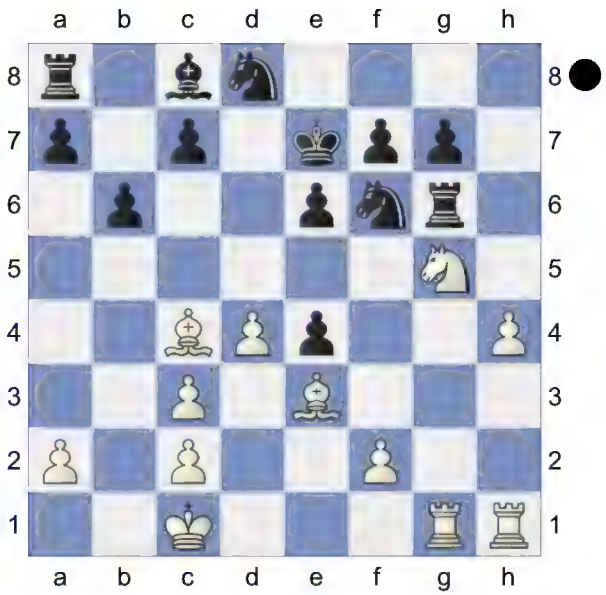

16...Bb7 -0.04/21

[16...Nb7!∓ -1.27/23 ...Rh6 is the strong threat. 17.Be2 Nd6]

17.h5⇄ White puts up resistance

17...Rh6 18.Be2 Nc6 19.Rh4 Rah8 0.53/21

[19...Na5= -0.10/20]

20.Nxe4± Nxe4 21.Rxe4 R6h7 1.46/19

[21...Rxh5!± 0.55/23 22.Bxh5 Rxh5]

22.d5± Nb8 2.36/21

[22...Nd8± 1.31/17 is a better defense.]

23.c4 Nd7 24.Bd4 0.93/18 White has more active pieces.

[⌓24.Bg5+ 1.38/18 Ke8 25.Re3]

24...Nf6 25.Re3 Kd6 3.42/21

[25...Nxh5± 0.89/18 26.Kb2 Kd8]

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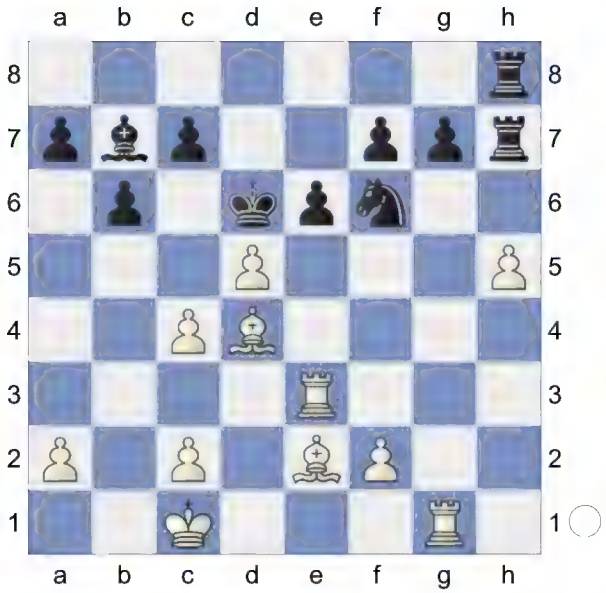
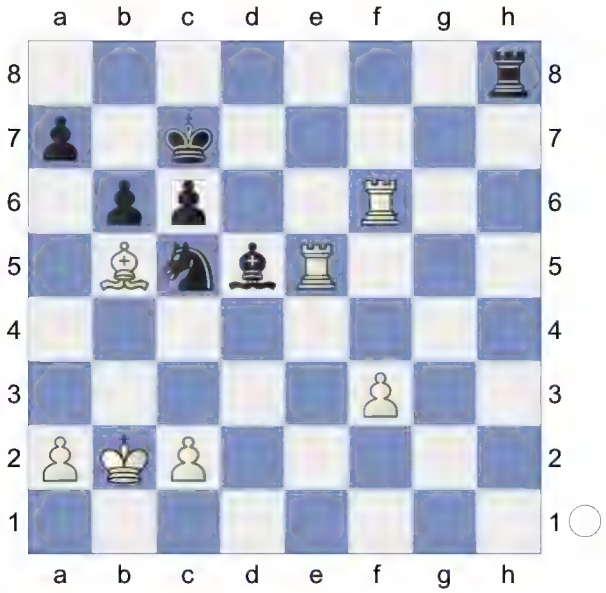


26.h6!+- Deflection **26...Rxh6**
[26...Ne8 27.hxg7]
27.Rxg7 exd5 28.Rxf7 Rh1+ 29.Kb2 Ne4 30.Bxh8 Rxh8 31.f3 Nc5 32.Rf6+ Kd7 33.cxd5 Bxd5 34.Bb5+ c6 35.Re5 Kc7

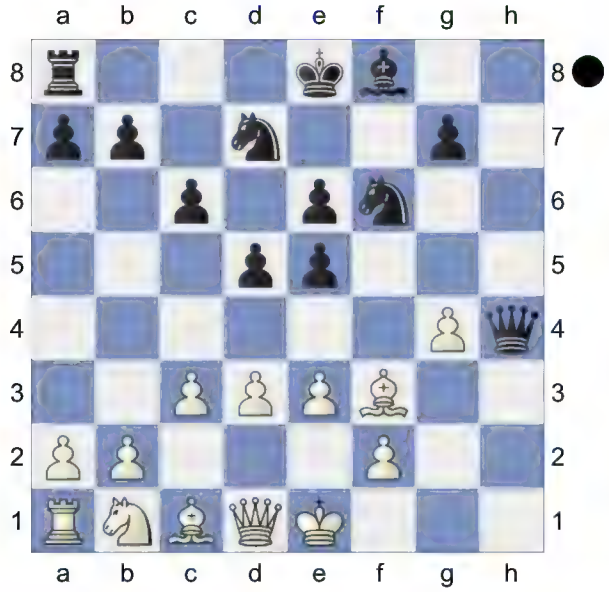


36.Be2? 0.00/33
[Don't play 36.Re7+ Nd7±]
[36.Rg5!+- 1.65/22]
36...Nd7!= The position is equal. **37.Rxd5 Nxf6 38.Rf5 Re8 39.Rxf6 Rxe2 40.Rf7+ Kb8 41.f4** White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.32. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=2 --- Mistake: White=2 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=17 Black=12 Best: White=3 Black=4 Strong: --- Black=1
½-½

56 **A00**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2773**
■ **Daggupati,Balaji** **2494**
Titled Tue 6th Jun Late blitz (7) 06.06.23
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d3N**
[4.d4
A) 4...e4 5.c4 h5 *(5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 a5 8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1);
B) 4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Be3 Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Ne4 f6 18.Nf3 Ke7 10.♗f3 ♘bd7 11. ♕e2_1508-18) Nimzo Indian: 4...d5,5 Hoogovens Wijk

aan Zee 1985]
4...Be6 5.c3 Nd7 6.Nf3 h5 7.Ng5 hxg4 8.Nxe6 Black is better. **8...fxe6 9.hxg4** -2.08/23
[9.e4∓ -1.00/18 was worth a try.]
9...Rxh1+-+ 10.Bxh1 Qh4 Repels g5 **11.Bf3 Ngf6 12.e3?** -4.76/21
[12.Be3 -2.17/21 was necessary.]



12...e4 13.Be2 exd3 14.Qxd3 Ne4
[14...Nxg4 15.Qg6+ Ke7 16.Qxg4+- *(16.Bxg4 Qf6+-)*]
15.Nd2 Nxf2 -2.85/20
[⌓15...Ne5 -6.05/21 16.Qd4 Nxf2 *(16...Nxg4? 17.Bxg4 Qxg4 18.Qd3-+; 16...Qxf2+? 17.Kd1-+)*]
16.Qg6+ Kd8 17.Qh5 -5.92/21
[17.Nf3 -2.65/18 Qg3 *(17...Qxg4? 18.Qf7∓)* 18.Kd2]
17...Nd3+
[17...Nxg4+? too greedy. 18.Qxh4+ Ngf6 19.Nf3+-]

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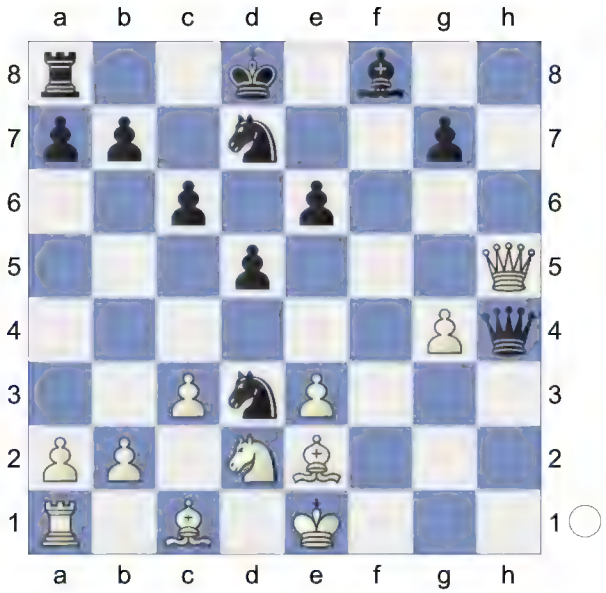


Discovered Attack (Double Check). Excellent horsemanship. **18.Kd1 Qe1+** Deflection. White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/Black=0.56. Mistake: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=2 Black=5 Best: White=2 Black=3
0-1

57 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Bok,B.** **2618**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Late blitz (5)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.h3 c6 4.d3N**
[4.d4 e4
A) 5.c4 h5 *(5...f5 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.gxf5 Bxf5 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Bxe4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Bxb4 Qxe4 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Rg1 0-0-0 14.Ng5 Qf5 15.Qd4 Nb6 16.Qxg7 Nf6 17.Be7 Nh5 18.Qf7 Qxf7 19.Nxf7 Rhg8 20.Rg4* 20 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game) 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7

10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1);

B) 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 Ne7 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982]

[4.c4 Ne7 5.Qc2 g6 6.Nc3 Na6 7.d3 Bg7 8.f4 exf4 9.Bxf4 dxc4 10.dxc4 Qd4 11.Qe4 Qxe4 12.Nxe4 0-0 13.Bd6 Re8 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.b3 h6 16.Nf3 f5 17.Nf2 Rac8 18.e4 fxe4 24 Chapter-Games Chapter 6 Game]

4...Bd6 5.Nd2 h5 6.gxh5 Nf6

[But not 6...Rxh5 7.e4 Rh8 8.exd5=]

7.h6 -1.52/23 **Rxh6** -1.05/19

[⌓7...gxh6 -1.52/23 8.e4 Be6]

8.e4∓ Black is better. **8...Be6** -0.72/20

[⌓8...Rh8 -1.16/19 9.Qe2 d4]

9.Ndf3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Rh8

[10...Na6!?]

11.Ng5 Qe7 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.h4 Nbd7 14.Bg5 0-0-0 0.30/24

[⌓14...Be7 -0.27/24]

15.Bh3= Qe7 16.Ne2 -0.68/24

[16.Qf3= 0.28/23]

16...Kb8!∓ ...Nf8 is the strong threat.

17.Ng3 Hoping for Nf5. **17...Nc5** 0.10/20

[17...Bb4+∓ -0.55/21 18.Kf1 Nf8]

18.Qf3= Ne6 0.95/26

[18...Bc7= 0.10/20 remains equal.]

19.Nf5 -0.02/21

[White should try 19.Bxe6!± 0.95/26 Black must now prevent Bb3. Qxe6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 *(20...gxf6 21.h5±)* 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Nf5]

19...Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Bxf6 -0.56/24

[21.a3= -0.03/21]

21...gxf6∓ 22.Bf5 White is weak on the dark squares **22...Bb4+** 0.00/25

[22...Be5∓ -0.50/19 23.0-0-0 c5]

23.Kf1 Qe5 24.Rd1 d3 Discovered Attack **25.c3 Bc5 26.Rxd3** 0.40/23

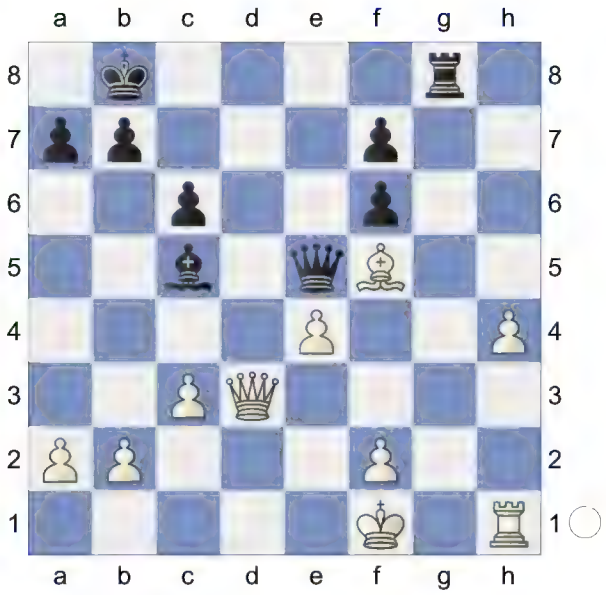
[26.Rd2± 0.81/22]

26...Rxd3 1.32/20

[26...Bb6!± 0.40/23]

27.Qxd3± Rg8? 3.18/26

[27...Qf4± 1.27/23 28.Qg3 Qxg3 29.fxg3 Rd8]



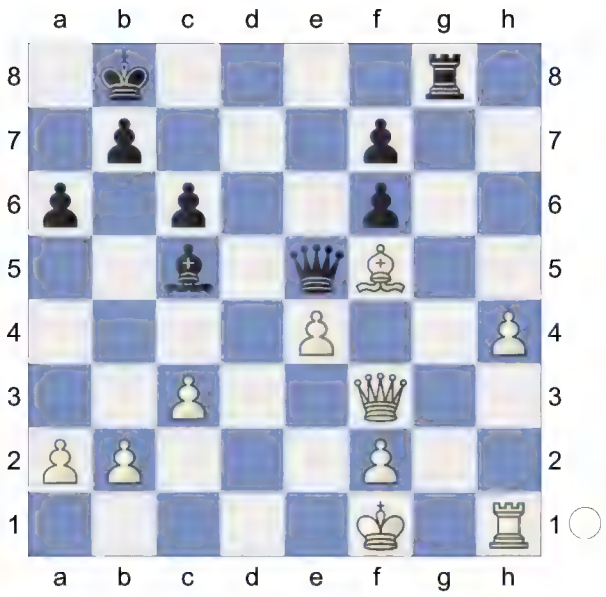
28.Qf3? 1.23/23

[28.Qd2!+- 3.18/26 and the rest is easy.]

28...a6 1.64/27

[28...Bf8± 1.23/23 might work better. 29.Rh3 a6]

(Diagram)



29.h5 1.21/21
[29.a4!+- 1.64/27 Strongly threatening h5. Bf8 30.Ke2]
29...Qd6? 3.79/22
[29...Bf8± 1.21/21 is a better defense. 30.Qe3 *(30.h6 Bxh6 31.Qd3 Bg5=)* 30...Rg5]
30.Ke2+- Ka7 31.h6 Rd8 32.h7 Qd2+ 33.Kf1 Rh8 White is clearly winning. **34.b4 Bb6 35.a4 a5 36.bxa5 Bxa5 37.Qe3+ Qxe3 38.fxe3 Bxc3 39.Rg1 b5 40.axb5 cxb5 41.Rg8 Rxh7 42.Bxh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.39. Loses game: --- Black=2 Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=6 Black=8 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=21 Black=5 Best: --- Black=1 Strong: --- Black=1
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58 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Bortnyk,Mykola** **2461**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Late blitz (9)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d3N**
[4.d4
A) 4...e4 5.c4 h5 *(5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 a5 8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1);
B) 4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Be3 Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Ne4 f6 18.Nf3 Ke7 10.♗f3 ♘bd7 11. ♕e2_1508-18) Nimzo Indian: 4...d5,5 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985]
4...h6 5.f4 Qh4+ 6.Kf1 Bc5 -0.70/13
[6...exf4!∓ -1.16/18 Threatens to win with ...Bd6. 7.c4 dxc4]
7.e3 -1.63/9
[7.Qe1∓ -0.70/13 Qe7 8.fxe5]
7...exf4-+ 8.Nf3 Black is clearly better.
8...Qf6 -0.68/10
[8...Qg3-+ -1.64/21 9.d4 fxe3 10.Bxe3 Be7]

9.exf4∓ Ne7 10.Nc3 h5→ Black mounts an attack. **11.f5 hxg4 12.hxg4 Rxh1+ 13.Bxh1** Black must now prevent d4. **13...g6! 14.Qe1 gxf5 15.g5 Qh8 16.Bg2 Be6 17.Ne2 Ng6** -0.14/20

[17...Nd7∓ -0.60/9 should be considered.]

18.c3 -1.58/13

[18.Nf4= -0.14/20 Nxf4 19.Bxf4]

18...Nd7∓ 19.Nf4 Ndf8 20.Be3 Hoping for Nxg6. **20...Bxe3** -1.01/19

[20...Bd6-+ -1.74/10 21.Qg3 0-0-0]

21.Qxe3 Nxf4 22.Qxf4 0-0-0 Wards off Qc7+

[Reject 22...Ng6?! 23.Qc7±]

23.Kf2 Ng6 24.Qd4 -1.40/8

[⌓24.Qa4 -1.03/12]

24...Qxd4+! 25.Nxd4 Rh8 -0.79/12

[⌓25...Ne5 -1.32/23 26.Bf1 Bd7]

26.Rg1 -1.43/10

[White should try 26.Rh1 -0.79/12]

26...Kd7 27.b4 -1.99/22

[27.Rh1∓ -1.28/23]

27...Rh5 28.Bf3 Rh2+ 29.Rg2 -2.33/20

[⌓29.Bg2 -1.64/24]

29...Rxg2+ -0.84/10

[29...Rh1-+ -2.33/20 ...Ra1 is the strong threat. 30.Rg1 Rxg1 31.Kxg1 Nf4]

30.Bxg2-+ Endgame. KBN-KBN **30...b6** -0.32/12

[30...Kd6∓ -0.89/13 31.a4 Bd7]

31.Bf3 -0.78/18

[31.Ne2!∓ -0.32/12]

31...a6 -0.04/10

[31...Nf4∓ -0.78/18 32.Ke3 Nh3]

32.Ne2!= Ke7 33.d4 Nf8 34.Ke3 f6 35.gxf6+ Kxf6 36.Nf4 Bf7 37.Be2 a5 38.Ba6 axb4 39.cxb4 b5 40.Bc8 -0.74/15

[40.Nd3= 0.00/19 remains equal.]

40...Be6∓ 41.Bb7 -3.50/11

[White must play 41.Nxe6!∓ -0.32/12 Nxe6 42.Bd7]

41...Bd7-+ 42.Nd3 Ke7 43.Nc5 Kd6? -1.05/29

[43...Ne6-+ -3.50/29 is more deadly. 44.Ba6 Kd8 45.Nxe6+ Bxe6]

44.a4∓ bxa4 Deflection **45.Nxa4 Ne6** Strongly threatening ...f4+. **46.Nc5?** -2.59/32

[46.Nc3∓ -1.01/23]

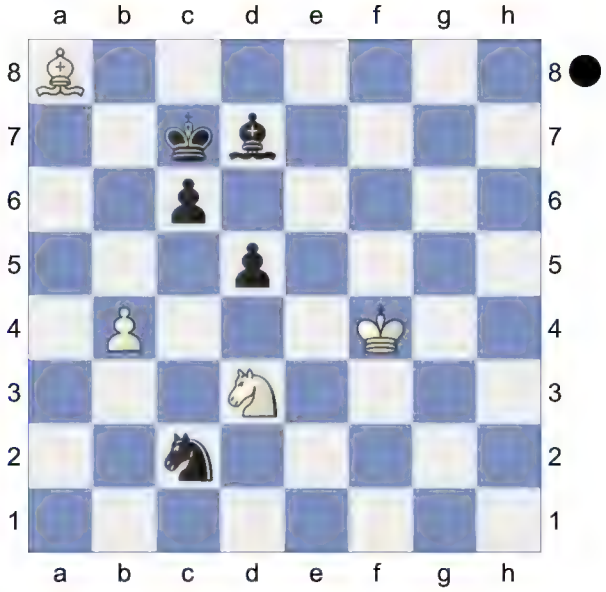
46...f4+-+ Deflection **47.Kf3 Nxd4+ 48.Kxf4 Nc2?** 0.00/35

[Better is 48...Bh3!-+ -1.92/28 49.Kg3 Bf5]

49.Nd3? -2.56/27

[49.Nxd7= 0.00/35 and White has nothing to worry. Kxd7 50.b5]

49...Kc7 50.Ba8



Kb8! 51.Ne5? -4.35/16

[51.b5 -2.55/13 Kxa8 52.Ke5]

51...Kxa8 52.Nxd7 Nxb4 KN-KN **53.Ke5 Kb7 54.Kd6 d4?** -0.01/24

[54...Nd3-+ -3.99/21 And now ...d4 would win. 55.Nf8 Nf2]

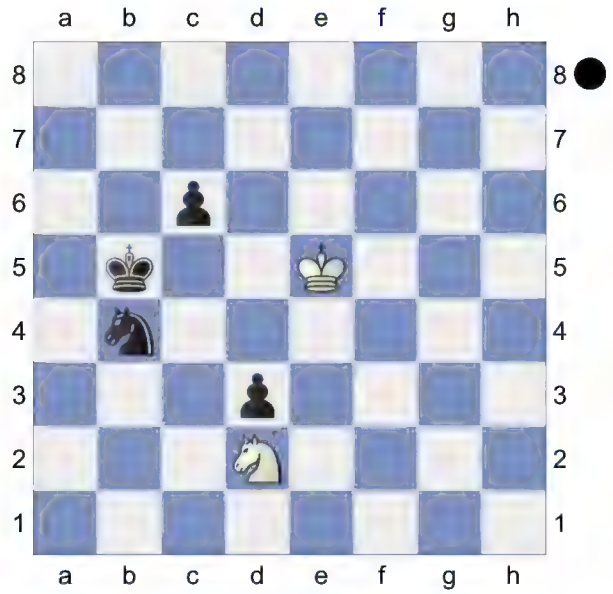
55.Ne5= Kb6

[55...d3!? 56.Nc4□ Nd5=]

56.Nc4+! Kb5

[56...Ka6!?]

57.Nd2 -9.59/22
[57.Na3+= -0.07/25 Ka4 58.Nb1]
57...d3 58.Ke5



c5 0.00/51
[58...Nc2!-+ -4.67/35 59.Ke4 Ne1]
59.Ke4 The position is equal. **59...c4**
[59...Ka4!? 60.Ke3□ Kb5=]
60.Kd4 Nc2+ 61.Kc3 Ne3 62.Nxc4 Remove Defender **62...Nxc4 63.Kxd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.49. Loses game: White=3 --- Missed win: --- Black=3 Mistake: White=10 Black=8 Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=14 Black=20 Best: White=7 Black=8 Strong: White=2 Black=2
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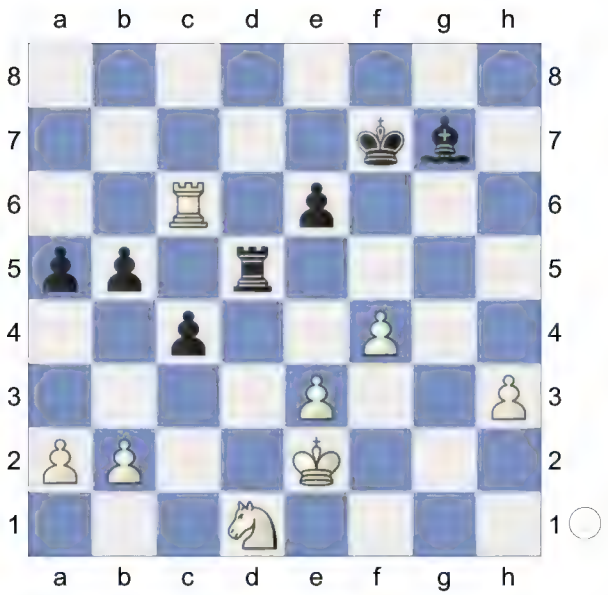
59 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Gabrielian,A.** **2460**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Late blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 h5 3.gxh5 Nf6N**
[3...Qg5 4.Bf3 Qh4 5.d3 Bc5 6.e3 c6 7.Ne2 d5 8.Nbc3 Nf6 9.Ng3 Ng4 10.Qe2 Be6 11.Bd2 Na6 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Rdg1 Nh6 14.Kb1 f5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 f4 17.Nf1 Rd7 18.Nd1 0-1 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013]
4.d4 exd4 5.h6 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.cxd4 Nxd4
[7...gxh6 8.d5 Rg8 9.Bf1±]
8.Nc3 Black is slightly better. **8...gxh6** Strongly threatening ...Rh8-g8. **9.Nf3 Rg8 10.Kf1 Nxf3** -0.44/19
[Better is 10...Ne6!∓ -0.98/21 White must now prevent ...d7-d5. 11.Rg1 d5]
11.Bxf3∓ d6 12.Bf4 Bh3+ 13.Ke1 Bg2? 2.06/24
[13...Qd7∓ -0.70/24 14.Qb3 Rb8]
14.Bxg2+- Rxg2 15.Qd3 -0.22/23
[15.Bg3!+- 1.76/22]
15...Rg4 0.23/23
[⌓15...Rg6 -0.22/23]
16.Qf3 -0.58/20
[16.Rd1= 0.23/23]
16...Qd7!∓ 17.Rd1 0-0-0 18.Bxd6 Discovered Attack **18...Bxd6 19.Qxf6 Rg6** -0.27/19
[19...Qc6∓ -0.73/24 20.Rf1 Rf4 *(20...Bxh2 21.Qxd8#)* 21.Qxh6 Rd4]
20.Qf3= Rdg8 21.Rd3 c4 22.Rd4 Rg4 23.Rxg4 Rxg4 24.h3 Rd4 25.e3 Rd3 26.Qe4 Qe6 27.Qxe6+! fxe6 Endgame. KRB-KRN **28.Ke2! Be5 29.Nd1 b5 30.Rg1 Kd7 31.f4 Bf6 32.Rg6 Ke7 33.Rxh6** Rh6-h7+ would now be deadly. **33...Kf7** 1.38/23
[33...b4= 0.19/23]
34.Rh7+± Bg7 35.Rh5
[Of course not 35.Nf2?! Rd5=]
35...a6 36.Rc5 Rd5 2.10/24
[36...Rd7± 1.41/21]
37.Rc6 a5



38.a4 0.46/21 **bxa4±** **39.Rxc4** **Rb5** **40.Rxa4** Hoping for Ke2-f3. **40...Bxb2** **41.Kf3** And now Nd1xb2 would win. **41...Bf6** **42.Nf2** **Be7** **43.Nd3** **Bb4** **44.Kg4** aiming for Nd3-e5+. **44...Kf6** **45.e4** 0.17/26

[45.Nf2± 0.53/22 is more appropriate.]

45...Rb8= **46.h4** **Rg8+** **47.Kh3** **Rb8** **48.h5** **Rh8?** 1.92/25

[48...Kg7!= 0.17/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

49.Kh4 1.22/19

[White should play 49.Kg4+- 1.92/25 Rg8+ 50.Kf3]

49...Rg8? 7.36/20

[49...Rb8± 1.22/19 50.Ne5 Rc8]

50.Nxb4+- White is clearly winning. **50...axb4** **51.Rxb4** KR-KR **51...Rg1** **52.Rb5** **Rh1+** **53.Kg3** **Rg1+** **54.Kf2** **Rg4** **55.Kf3** **Rg1** **56.Rb8** **Rf1+** **57.Kg3** **Rg1+** **58.Kf2** **Rh1** **59.Rb6** **Rh2+** **60.Kg3** **Rxh5** **61.f5** **Rg5+** **62.Kf4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.32. Loses game: --- Black=3 Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=4 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=4 OK: White=19 Black=15 Best: White=4 Black=4 Strong: White=2 ---

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60 **A00**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**

■ **Ibarra Jerez,J C** **2557**

Titled Tue 1st Nov Early blitz (5) 1.11.22

[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4** **d5** **2.Bg2** **Bxg4** **3.c4** **c6** **4.Qb3** **Nf6** **5.cxd5** **cxd5** **6.Qxb7** **Nbd7** **7.d4** -2.28/21 Repels Nc5

[7.Nc3∓ -1.45/21]

7...e6N

[7...Rb8 8.Qxa7 Qc8 9.Nc3 Ra8 0-1 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1. g4 d5 − 5.c]

8.Bf4 Black is clearly better. **8...Nh5** **9.Bd2** **Rb8** **10.Qxa7** **Rxb2** **11.Bf3** **Bxf3** **12.Nxf3** **Bd6** Dodges Ne5 **13.Nc3** -1.59/19

[Better is 13.Qa6 -1.12/23 Qb8 14.Nc3]

13...0-0∓ **14.Rb1** -2.06/20

[14.Qa6∓ -1.45/16 Qc7 15.Rc1]

14...Rxb1+-+ **15.Nxb1** **Nhf6** **16.Nc3** -2.36/20

[16.0-0∓ -1.44/21]

16...Ne4 **17.Nb5** **Bb8** **18.Qb7** **Qc8** -1.31/24

[18...Nxd2-+ -1.93/24 19.Nxd2 Qc8 20.Qxc8 Rxc8]

19.Qxc8∓ **Rxc8** **20.0-0** **Rc2** -0.02/21

[20...Nxd2∓ -1.15/22 21.Nxd2 Rc2]

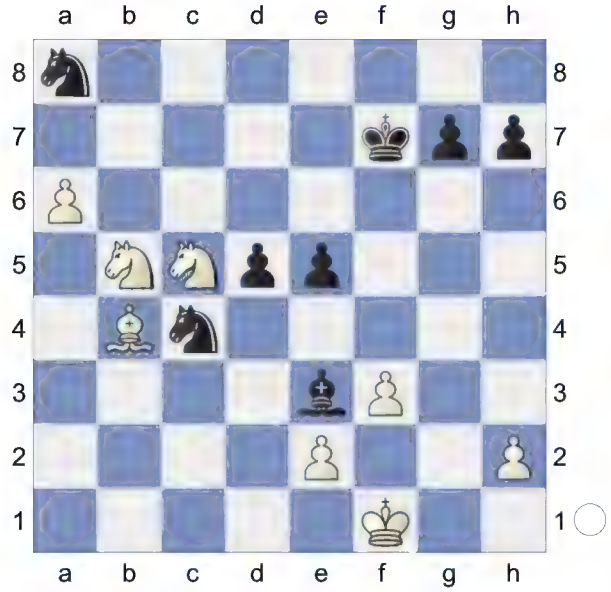
21.Rc1= **Rxc1+**

[21...Rxd2 22.Nxd2 *(22.Rc8+ Nf8+-)* 22...Bxh2+ 23.Kxh2+-]

[21...Rxa2? 22.Rc8+ Nf8 23.Bb4+-]

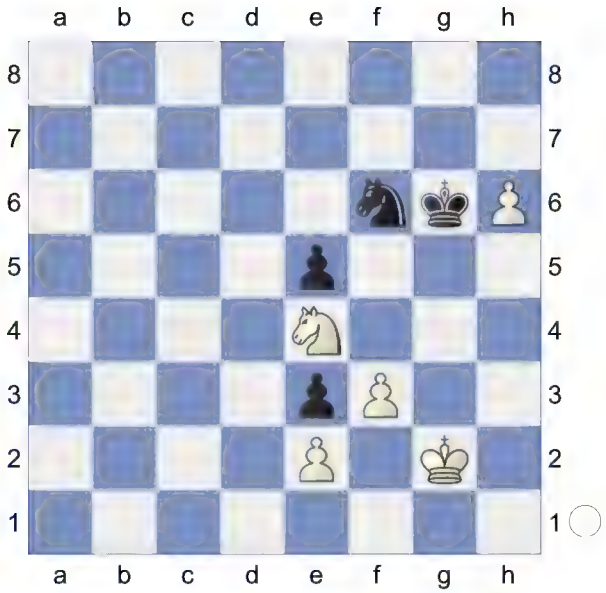
22.Bxc1 **Nb6** **23.Ne1** **f6** **24.Nd3** **Kf7**

25.Ba3 Ke8 0.51/25
[25...Na4= 0.06/27]
26.f3± Nd2 27.Bb4 Ndc4 28.Nc5! Against Na4 **28...Kf7 29.a4 Bf4** 1.12/23
[29...Nc8± 0.63/28 should be considered.]
30.a5± Na8 31.a6 e5 32.dxe5 Be3+ 33.Kf1 Strongly threatening Nd6+.
33...fxe5



34.Nb7 0.17/24
[34.Nc3!± 0.80/24]
34...Ke6= 35.Bc5 Kd7 ...Bxc5 is the strong threat. **36.Bxe3 Nxe3+** Endgame. KNN-KNN **37.Kf2 d4 38.N5d6 Kc6 39.Nf7 Nc4 40.Nbd8+ Kb6 41.Ne6 Kxa6 42.Nxg7 Kb5 43.Ng5 h6 44.Nf7 Kc6 45.Nxh6 Kd5 46.Ng4 Nab6 47.Nf6+ Kd6 48.h4 Ke7 49.Ne4 Kf7 50.Nf5 Kg6 51.Neg3 Nd5 52.h5+ Kg5 53.h6** White threatens h7 and mate. **53...Nf6 54.Kg2 Ne3+?** 6.71/23
[54...Kg6= 0.00/32]
55.Nxe3+- Hoping for Ne4+. **55...dxe3** KN-KN **56.Ne4+ Kg6**

(Diagram)



57.Nxf6! h7 would kill now. **57...Kxf6** K3P-KPP **58.Kg3 Kg6 59.Kg4 Kxh6 60.Kf5 Kh5 61.Kxe5 Kh4 62.Ke4 Kg3 63.Kxe3** #31/30 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.48. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=5 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=4 OK: White=17 Black=22 Best: White=4 Black=4 Strong: White=1 ---
[63.f4+- 116.93/35 Kg4 64.f5 *(64.Kxe3 Kf5 65.Kd4 Kxf4 66.e4 Kg4 67.Kd5 Kh5 68.e5 Kh6)* 64...Kh5 65.Ke5 *(65.Kxe3 Kg5 66.Ke4 Kf6 67.Kf4 Kg7 68.Ke5 Kg8 69.f6 Kf7; 65.f6 Kg6 66.Kxe3 Kxf6 67.Ke4 Ke6 68.e3 Kf6 69.Kd5 Ke7)* 65...Kh6 66.f6 Kh7 67.Ke6 Kh8 68.f7]
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61 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Korchmar,Vasiliy** **2438**
Titled Tue 13th Dec Early blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings wins the Bishop after 14. Qxh5 **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 g6N**
[2...Bxg4 3.c4 c6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qb3 Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2 14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf5+* 0-1 Irlbacher, R (1443)-Weiss,W (2023) corr 8. DSFC/V1 Post 2017*; 3...e6 4.Qb3 Nc6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bxd5 Bd6 7.Bxf7+ Kf8 8.Bxg8 Rxg8 9.Qxb7 Ne5 10.d4 Ng6 11.Nc3 Kf7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qd5+* Wall Ukralex,I 700 Opening Traps by Wall*)* 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c]
3.h3 Bg7 4.d4 c5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.g5 Ne4 7.Bxe4 dxe4 8.Qxd8+ Black is slightly better. **8...Kxd8 9.c3** White is weak on the light squares **9...Na6** Black has compensation. **10.Be3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Rc8 12.Nb3** -0.66/23
[12.h4= -0.01/23]
12...h6∓ 13.0-0-0+ -1.10/22
[⌓13.f4 -0.72/23]
13...Ke8∓ 14.f4 -1.48/22
[⌓14.c6 -1.12/22 Rxc6 *(14...bxc6 15.gxh6 Bxh6 16.Bxh6∓)* 15.Nd4]

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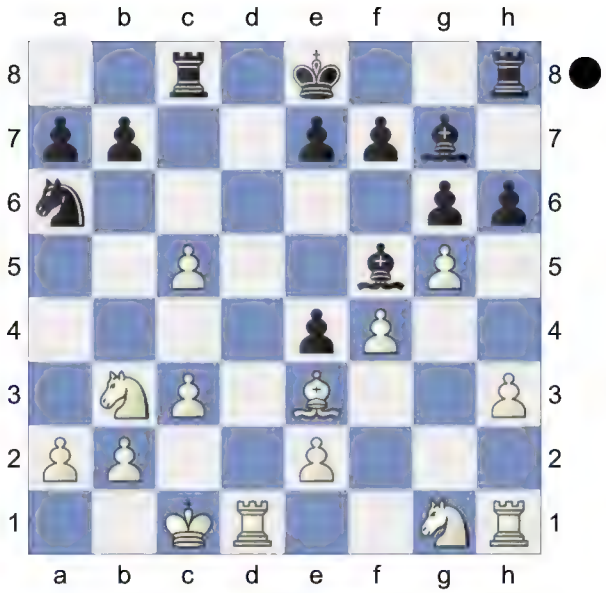
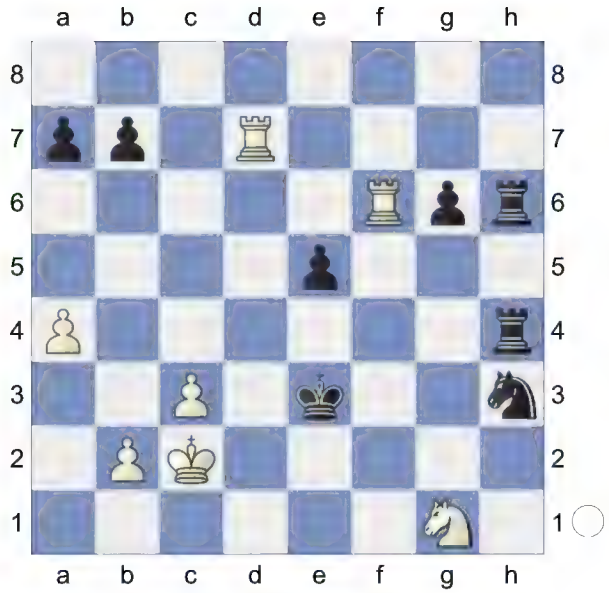


14...hxg5 -0.63/22
[14...exf3!∓ -1.48/22 15.Nxf3 hxg5 16.Nxg5 Bh6]
15.fxg5∓ Be5 16.Bd4 -1.61/22
[16.h4!= -0.25/19]
16...Bxd4-+ 17.Nxd4
[17.cxd4 e3 18.Rf1 b6-+]
17...Nxc5 -1.29/24
[17...Rxc5-+ -1.66/25 ...Bf5-d7 is the strong threat. 18.Nxf5 Rxf5]
18.Rf1 -2.63/22
[18.h4∓ -1.29/24]
18...Bd7 19.Kd2 Na4 20.Rb1 Rc5 21.Ke3 Rxg5 22.Kxe4 Rgh5 23.Ke3 e5
[23...Bxh3 24.Nxh3 Rxh3+ 25.Rxh3 Rxh3+ 26.Nf3]
24.Ndf3 f6
[24...Bxh3 25.Nxh3 Rxh3 26.Rhg1-+]
25.Nd2 Bf5
[25...Bxh3 26.Rxh3 Rxh3+ 27.Nxh3 Rxh3+ 28.Kf2]
26.Ne4 Bxe4
[26...Bxh3 27.Nxf6+ Kf7 28.Nxh5+-]
27.Kxe4 Rh4+ 28.Kd3 Ke7 29.Kc2 Ke6 30.Rd1 Nc5 31.Rh2 Ne4 Dodges Rh2-f2 **32.Rg2 Ng5 33.a4**

-2.85/22
[33.Rg3 -1.87/20 is a better defense.]
33...R8h6 -1.52/19
[33...Rxa4-+ -2.85/22 aiming for ...a7-a5! 34.b3 Ra2+ 35.Kb1 Ra6 *(35...Ne4 36.Rc1∓)*]
34.Rd3 -2.76/19
[34.a5∓ -1.52/19 was called for.]
34...Kf5 -1.50/25
[34...Nxh3 35.Rxh3 Rxh3 36.Nxh3 Rxh3 37.Rxg6=]
[34...Rxa4-+ -2.76/19 35.b4 Ra1]
35.Rd6 -2.44/22
[35.Rd7∓ -1.50/25]
35...Ne6? 0.63/24
[35...Nxh3 36.Nxh3 Rxh3 37.Rf2+ Ke4 38.Rfxf6± *(38.Rdxf6 g5=)*]
[35...Rxa4-+ -2.44/22 ...Ng5-e4! would now be deadly. 36.Rf2+ Rf4 37.Rxf4+ exf4 38.Rd5+ Ke6]
36.e3± Strongly threatening Rg2-f2+.
36...Ng5 1.53/20
[36...Rxa4? 37.Rf2+ Nf4 38.exf4 exf4 39.Rd5+ Ke6 40.Rfd2+- *(40.Rb5 b6+-)*]
[Black should play 36...Ng7!± 0.70/21]
37.Rf2+± Ke4 38.Rfxf6 Kxe3 2.52/23
[38...R4h5± 1.44/24 39.c4 *(39.Rxg6 Rxg6 40.Rxg6 Kxe3±)* 39...Nxh3]
39.Rd7? -0.44/23
[39.Rxg6 Rxg6 40.Rxg6 Ne4=]
[White has to play 39.Rd3++- 2.52/23 Ke4 40.Ne2 Rxh3 41.Ng3+ Rxg3 42.Rxg3 Rh2+ 43.Kb3]
39...Nxh3? #3/20
[39...Rf4∓ -0.44/23 40.Rd3+ Ke4 *(40...Kf2 41.h4=)* 41.Rxf4+ Kxf4]

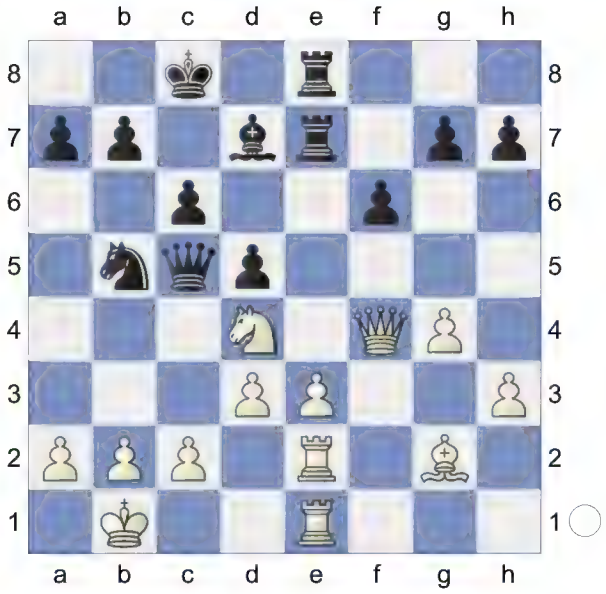
(Diagram)



40.Nxh3? 0.00/34
[40.Rd3+! #3/20 mates Ke4 41.Nf3 R4h5 42.Nd2#]
40...Rxh3= 41.Rxb7∓ Endgame. KRR-KRR **41...Rh2+ 42.Kb3 g5 43.Rf5 g4 44.Rxe5+ Kf4 45.Reb5 Rg6 46.Rf7+**
[46.Rxa7!? g3□ 47.Rf7+ Ke4 48.Rff5=]
46...Ke3? #4/16
[46...Ke4= 0.00/22]
47.Re5+ White mates.
[And not 47.Rxa7 g3=]
47...Kd2 48.Rd7+ Kc1 49.Re1#
Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.69. Loses game: --- Black=2 Missed win: White=2 Black=1 Mistake: White=8 Black=6 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=11 Black=13 Best: White=4 Black=4
1-0

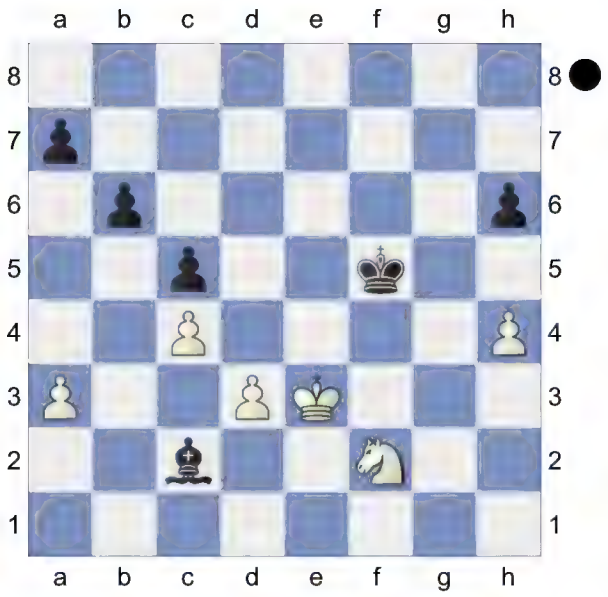
62 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2542**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Early blitz (7)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d3N**
[4.d4
A) 4...e4 5.c4 h5 *(5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 a5 8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1);
B) 4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Be3 Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Ne4 f6 18.Nf3 Ke7 10.♗f3 ♘bd7 11. ♕e2_1508-18) Nimzo Indian: 4...d5,5 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985]
4...Bc5 5.Nd2 Qh4 -0.35/22 Black is more active.
[5...h5∓ -1.18/21 6.Nb3 Bb6]
6.e3!∓ Bxe3 7.Qe2 Bb6 8.Ngf3 Black is slightly better. **8...Qe7 9.Nxe5 Nd7**
[9...f6!? 10.Nef3□ Na6∓]
10.Ndf3 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 f6 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Be3 0-0-0 14.0-0-0? -3.18/22
[14.d4∓ -0.72/25]
14...Bxe3+? 0.01/20
[14...d4!-+ -3.18/22 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 Pin]
15.fxe3= Nh6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Qf2 Qc5 18.Kb1 Nf7 19.Nd4 Re7 20.Re2 Rde8 21.Rde1 Nd6 22.Qf4 Nb5



aiming for ...Qb4. **23.Nb3 Qd6 24.Qf2 Nc7 25.e4 Kb8 26.a3 Bc8 27.Nd2 Be6 28.e5 fxe5 29.Rxe5 Bc8 30.Rxe7 Rxe7 31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Nf3 Ne6 33.Ne5 Qf6 34.Qxf6 gxf6** Endgame. KBN-KBN **35.Nf3 Kc7 36.Kc1 Kd6 37.Kd2 d4 38.Ke2 c5 39.Kf2 Nf4 40.Bf1 Nd5 41.Nd2 b6 42.Nc4+ Ke7 43.Kg3 f5 44.gxf5 Bxf5 45.Bg2 Be6 46.Bxd5 Bxd5** KB-KN **47.Nd2 Kf6 48.Kf4 h6 49.c3 dxc3 50.bxc3 Ke6 51.c4 Bc6 52.h4 Ba4 53.Ne4 Bc2 54.Ke3 Kf5 55.Nf2** -0.99/29
[55.Nc3!= -0.02/31]

(Diagram)

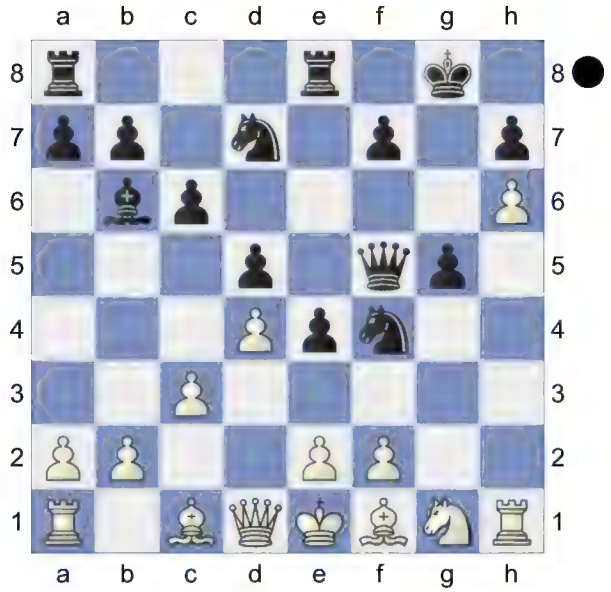


55...a6 -0.16/26
[55...h5!∓ -0.99/29 56.Kf3 Ba4]
56.Kd2 -0.54/33
[56.d4= -0.16/26]
56...Ba4∓ Hoping for ...Kf4. **57.Ke3 Bc6** -0.07/20
[57...Kg6!∓ -0.55/28 58.Kf3 Kf5]
58.d4= cxd4+ 59.Kxd4 Kf4 White should prevent ...Kg3. **60.Nd3+ Kg3 61.h5?** -5.92/29 Black continues to play with concentration.
[61.Ke3= -0.11/33 and White has nothing to worry.]
61...Be8 62.Nb4 Bxh5 63.Nxa6 Bf3 64.Nc7 h5 And now ...h4 would win. **65.Ne6 h4 66.Ng5 Bg2 67.Ke3 Bc6 68.Ke2 Bb7 69.Ke3 Ba8 70.Ke2 Bg2 71.Ke3 Bf1 72.c5 bxc5 73.Ne4+ Kg2** White must now prevent ...h3. **74.Nxc5 h3 75.Ne4 h2 76.Nf2 Bb5** Black mates.
[76...h1R 77.Nxh1 Bb5 78.Nf2±]
77.Nh1 Kxh1 78.Kf2 Bc4 79.a4 Ba6 80.a5 Bb5 81.Kg3 Kg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.17 (very precise) . Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=2 Black=2 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1 OK: White=24 Black=20 Best: White=2 Black=2
0-1

63 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2441**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Early blitz (6)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d3N**
[4.d4
A) 4...e4 5.c4 h5 *(5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 a5 8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1);
B) 4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Be3 Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Ne4 f6 18.Nf3 Ke7 10.♗f3 ♘bd7 11. ♕e2_1508-18) Nimzo Indian: 4...d5,5 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985]
4...Bc5 5.Nd2 Ne7 6.Ngf3 Ng6 7.Nf1 0-0 8.Ng3 Black is better. **8...Be6 9.c3**

Bb6 10.Nf5 Nd7 11.h4 -1.53/23
[⩲11.Bg5 -1.10/22 f6 12.Bd2]
11...Bxf5 -0.97/19
[⩲11...Nf6 -1.53/23 12.Bh3 Re8]
12.gxf5∓ Nf4 13.Bf1 Re8 14.h5 Qf6 15.h6 g6
[15...gxh6 16.e3 e4 17.dxe4 Rxe4 *(17...dxe4 18.Nh2=)* 18.a4∓]
[15...Qxf5 16.Bxf4 Qxf4 17.e3=]
16.d4 -2.44/9
[16.e3∓ -0.99/9 was necessary. e4 17.exf4]
16...Qxf5-+
[16...gxf5 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Qd3±]
17.Rh4 g5 18.Rh1 e4 19.Ng1



Ne5? -0.24/10 **20.Bxf4!=**
[20.dxe5? Nd3+ *(20...Rxe5 21.Bxf4 gxf4 22.Nh3±; 20...Qxe5 21.e3±)* 21.Kd2 Nxf2-+ *(21...Nxe5 22.e3∓)*]
20...Nd3+ 2.33/4
[20...Qxf4= -0.18/12 and Black has nothing to worry. 21.e3 *(21.Nh3 Nf3+ 22.exf3 exf3+-+)* 21...Nd3+ *(21...Nf3+ 22.Nxf3 Qxf3 23.Qxf3±)* 22.Bxd3 exd3 23.Qxd3 Re4]
21.exd3+- exd3+? 5.74/12
[21...Qxf4 2.21/13 is a better chance. 22.Ne2 Qf6 *(22...Qf3? 23.Rh3+-)* 23.dxe4 dxe4]
22.Be3 White is clearly winning.
22...Rxe3+ 23.fxe3 Qe4 24.Rh3 Re8 25.Qxd3 Qg4 26.Ne2 Bc7 27.0-0-0 Re6 28.Kb1 Rf6 29.Nc1 Rf2 30.Rh1 Qe6 31.Be2 g4 32.Rdf1 Rxf1 33.Rxf1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.67. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=2 Black=2 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=4 Black=6 Best: White=3 Black=1 Strong: White=1 ---
1-0

64 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2683**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Early blitz (9)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 a5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Bg2 Bb4+ 5.Nd2 a4 6.a3 Ba5** 0.49/22
[Black should try 6...Be7= -0.29/21]
7.Qxa4+± Bd7 8.Qc2 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.Ngf3**
[But not 9.cxd5?! exd5 10.Ngf3 *(10.Bxd5 Nge7∓)* 10...Bxg4∓]
9...Nf6 10.h3 h5 11.g5 Ne4

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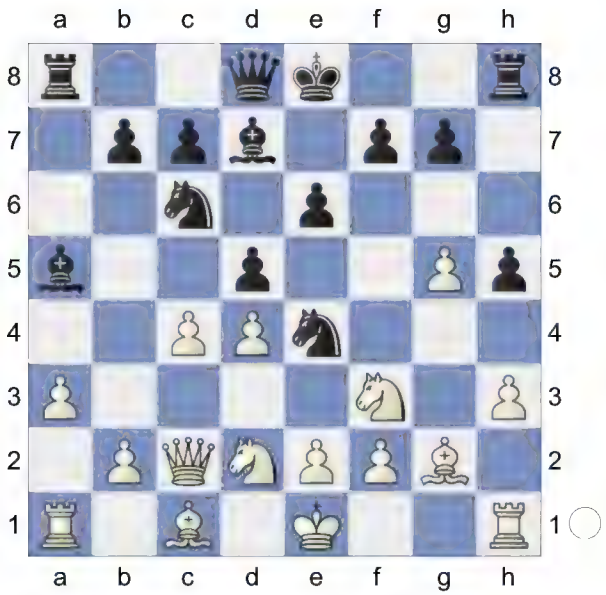
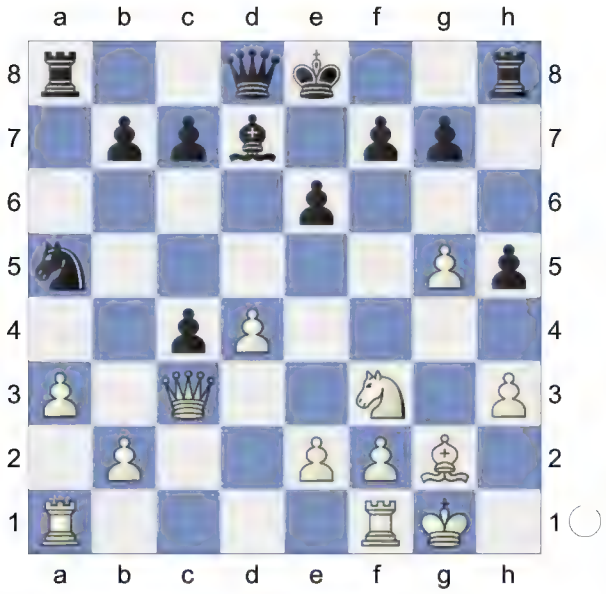


12.0-0! Bxd2 13.Bxd2
[Of course not 13.Nxd2 Nxg5 14.Qd3 Ne7=]
13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 dxc4 15.Qc3 Na5



16.d5 0.47/20 White is more active.
16...0-0 17.Rad1 -0.24/21
[Better is 17.e4± 0.44/23]
17...Qe7? 1.64/19
[17...Ba4= -0.24/21 and Black is okay.]
18.e4 0.69/23
[18.Ne5+- 1.64/19]
18...exd5 19.exd5
[Much less strong is 19.Rxd5 c5±]
19...Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Qc5 4.39/23
[20...Qd6± 1.39/22 might work better.]
21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.b4 Inhibits b6. Deflection, Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) / Black=0.56. Loses game: --- Black=2 Mistake: White=3 Black=1 Inaccurate: --- Black=3 OK: White=6 Black=4 Best: --- Black=1 Strong: White=1 ---
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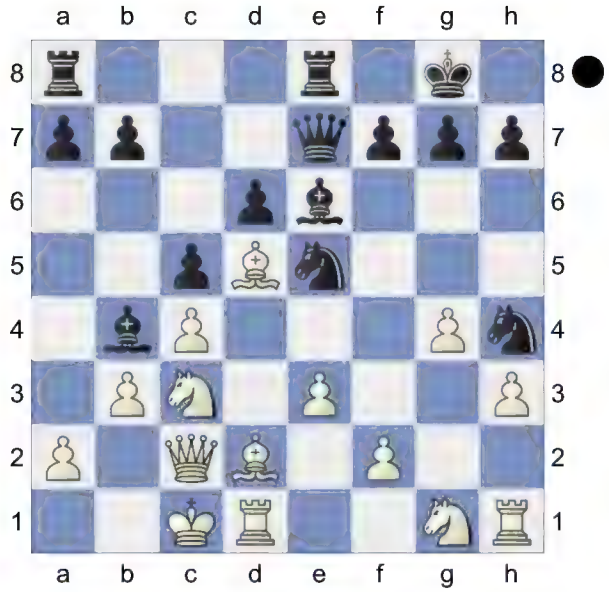
65 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Paravyan,D.** **2589**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Early blitz (11)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 Ne7**
[2...h5 3.gxh5 Qg5 4.Bf3 Qh4 5.d3 Bc5 6.e3 c6 7.Ne2 d5 8.Nbc3 Nf6 9.Ng3 Ng4 10.Qe2 Be6 11.Bd2 Na6 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Rdg1 Nh6 14.Kb1 f5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 f4 17.Nf1 0-1 19. ♕d2 h5 20. ♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013]
3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nbc6 5.Qd1N
[5.Qa4 Ng6 6.h4 Bc5 7.Nc3 Nxh4 8.Bd5 Qe7 9.g5 Nf5 10.Nf3 Nb4 11.a3 b5 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.g6 fxg6 14.Bg5 Nfd4 15.Nxd4 Qxg5 16.Nxc6 Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Rf8+ 18.Bf3 Qc5+ 19.Ke1 dxc6 25 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game]
5...Ng6 -0.45/18
[5...d5∓ -1.07/19 6.h3 h5 7.gxh5 Be6 *(7...Rxh5 8.e4∓)*]
6.c4 -0.86/19
[6.Nc3∓ -0.45/18 is superior.]

6...Nh4 7.Be4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 -1.18/20
[8.Bd2∓ -0.61/20]
8...Qe7∓ 9.Bd5 -1.60/20
[⌓9.Qc2 -1.00/19]
9...d6 -1.14/20
[Better is 9...Ne5 -1.60/20 Threatens to win with ...c6! 10.Kf1 c6 *(10...Nxg4 11.Nf3∓)*]
10.h3 Be6 -1.00/19
[Black should play 10...Bxc3+ -1.40/20 11.bxc3 h5]
11.Bd2 -1.36/20
[⌓11.Kf1 -1.00/19]
11...0-0 12.Qc2 Rfe8 -0.67/19
[12...Ne5∓ -1.34/20 And now ...c6 would win. 13.b3 c6 14.Bxe6 fxe6]
13.0-0-0∓ Nd4 0.01/23
[13...a5∓ -0.82/19 14.Nf3 Nxf3 Deflection 15.Bxf3 *(15.exf3 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Nb4∓)* 15...Bxc4]
14.Qd3 c5 15.e3 Nc6 16.Qc2 Ne5 17.b3



b5 0.10/22 **18.Bxe6** -1.37/21
[18.Nxb5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Rec8∓]
[18.Bxa8= 0.10/22 remains equal. Rxa8 19.cxb5 *(19.Nxb5 a6=)*]
18...Qxe6?? 1.71/20
[18...fxe6∓ -1.37/21 stays on course. 19.f4 Nef3 20.Nxf3 *(20.cxb5 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 a6∓)* 20...Nxf3]
19.Nxb5+- Rec8 2.69/21
[19...d5± 1.37/20]
20.Ne2 a6 21.Nf4 Qd7 22.Nc3 0.95/23
[22.Nxd6+- 3.27/23 is more deadly. Ba3+ 23.Kb1 Qxd6 24.Bc1]
22...Nhf3 Strongly threatening ...Nxc4!
23.Nfd5 0.90/21
[White should try 23.Ne4 1.27/22 Black must now prevent Bxb4. Nxd2 24.Nxd2]
23...Qb7 1.59/21
[⌓23...Nxc4 0.90/21 24.bxc4 Ba3+ 25.Kb1 Rcb8+ 26.Ka1 Bb2+ *(26...Nxd2? 27.Rxd2 Bb2+ 28.Qxb2+-)* 27.Qxb2 Rxb2 28.Kxb2 h6]
24.Ne4± Nxd2? 4.52/23
[24...Bxd2+± 1.54/21 25.Nxd2 Nxd2]
25.Nxd2? 1.37/21
[25.Nxd6+- 4.52/23 and the rest is easy. Qa7 *(25...Nexc4? 26.bxc4 Qa7 27.Nxc8+-)* 26.Nxc8 Rxc8 27.Qf5 *(27.Rxd2 Bxd2+ 28.Qxd2 h6+-)*]
25...a5 2.56/21
[25...Bxd2+± 1.37/21 26.Rxd2 *(26.Qxd2 a5=)* 26...Re8]

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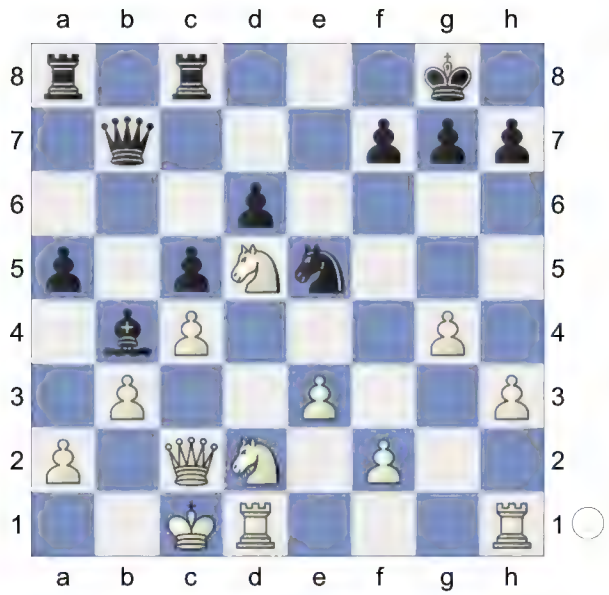

26.a4 1.39/22
[26.Ne4!+- 2.56/21]
26...Rab8 2.29/22
[26...Bxd2+± 1.39/22 27.Rxd2 *(27.Kxd2 Rcb8±)* 27...Re8]
27.Kb2 Bxd2 28.Rxd2 Qa7 1.84/21
[28...Re8± 1.38/20 29.Rhd1 Nf3]
29.Ka3 Rb7 2.80/22
[29...Qb7 1.68/19 is a better defense. 30.Qd1 Re8]
30.Nc3+- Qb8 31.Nb5 Rb6 32.Rhd1 Rd8 33.f4 Nf3 34.Rd5 Nh4 35.f5 h6 36.Qf2 Inhibits Nf3. **36...g5 37.fxg6 Nxg6 38.Qf6 Rd7 39.h4** h5! is the strong threat.
[39.Nxd6 is a self mate. Rxb3+ 40.Ka2 Qb4 *(40...Rxe3 41.Rb1∓; 40...Rxe3 41.Rb1=)*]
[39.Rxd6 Rdxd6 40.Rxd6 Rxd6 41.Qxd6 Qe8 42.Qxc5 Kh7]
39...Qe8 40.h5
[40.Rxd6 Qxe3 41.Rxb6 Rxd1±]
40...Ne5 41.Qxh6
[41.Rxd6 Nxc4+ 42.bxc4 Qxe3+ 43.Kb2 Qe2+ 44.Kb3 Qxg4 45.Qxh6 Qg3+ 46.Ka2 Rdxd6 47.Rxd6 Rxd6 48.Qxd6 Qe1]
41...Nxc4+ 42.bxc4 Qe4 43.Rg5+ White mates. **43...Qg6 44.hxg6 Rd8 45.Qh7+ Kf8 46.Qxf7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.74. Loses game: --- Black=2 Missed win: White=2 --- Mistake: White=6 Black=11 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=4 OK: White=13 Black=9 Best: White=1 ---
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66 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Wieczorek,O.** **2504**
Titled Tue 18th Oct Early blitz (3)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d3N**
[4.d4
A) 4...e4 5.c4 h5 *(5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 a5 8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1);
B) 4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Be3 Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Ne4 f6 18.Nf3 Ke7 10.♗f3 ♘bd7 11. ♕e2_1508-18) Nimzo

Indian: 4...d5,5 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1985]

4...Bd6 5.e4 d4 6.Ne2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.f4 Black is slightly better. **8...exf4 9.Nxf4 Nge7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Nd5 Be6 14.Nxc7 Qxc7 15.b3 Nce5** -0.10/13

[15...a6∓ -0.87/11]

16.g5

[16.Nxe5 simplifies Qxe5 17.Qe2 h6 18.Bf3]

16...Qd7 0.25/14

[16...Bxc4∓ -0.40/10 17.bxc4 Qc6]

17.Qh5 -0.43/10

[17.Nxe5= 0.25/14 Nxe5 18.Kh2]

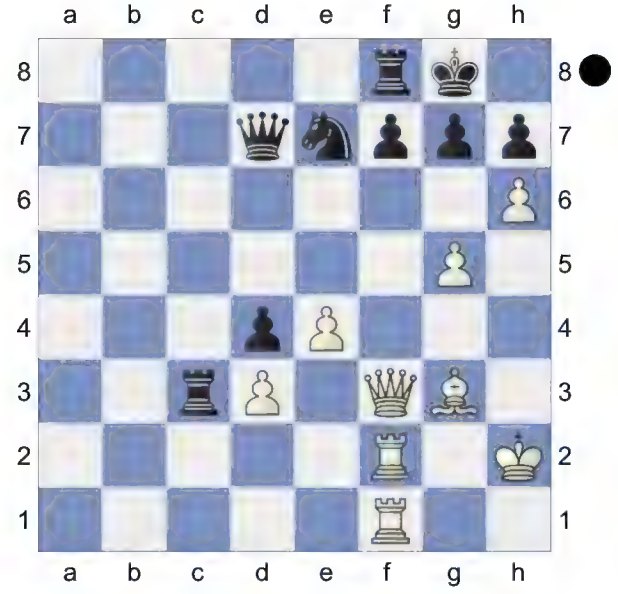
17...Rac8 0.53/9

[17...Bxc4∓ -0.43/10 18.bxc4 Nc6]

18.Nxe5!± Nxe5 19.Bf4 0.10/16

[19.Qh4± 0.57/16 is more appropriate.]

19...Ng6= 20.Bg3 Rc6 21.Rf2 b6 22.Raf1 a6! 23.Kh2 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Qe2 c4 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.h4 Bg4 28.Bf3 cxd3 29.cxd3 Bxf3 30.Qxf3 Rc3 31.h5 Ne7 32.h6



Strongly threatening hxg7. **32...Ng6 33.hxg7 Kxg7 34.Kg2 Rc5 35.Qh5→** And now Rh1 would win. White attacks with force. **35...Qe7?** 7.20/13

[35...Kg8± 0.85/11]

36.Rf5? 0.23/9

[White has to play 36.Rh1+- 7.20/13 Rh8 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Rb1]

36...Rc2+! 37.Bf2 Black must now prevent Rh1. Really sharp! **37...Qc7?** 3.90/13

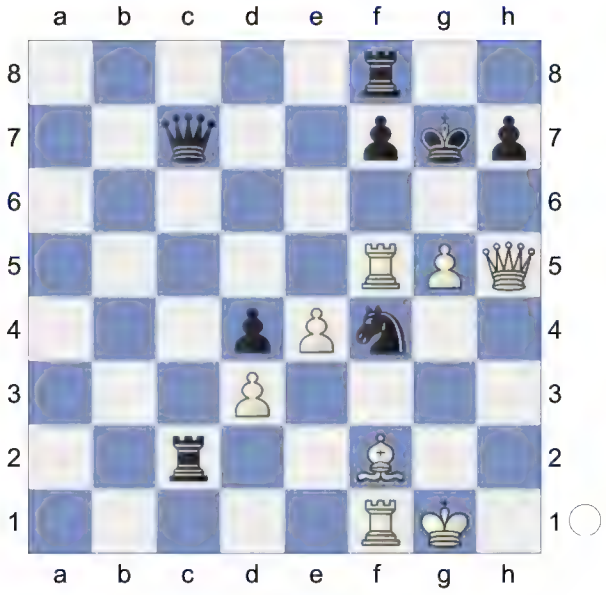
[37...Rd8= 0.11/12 and Black stays safe.]

38.Kg1? 0.00/24

[38.Rh1+- 3.90/13 Rh8 39.Qh6+ Kg8 40.Ra1]

38...Nf4? 12.47/13

[38...Qc3= 0.00/24]



39.Rxf4! Qxf4

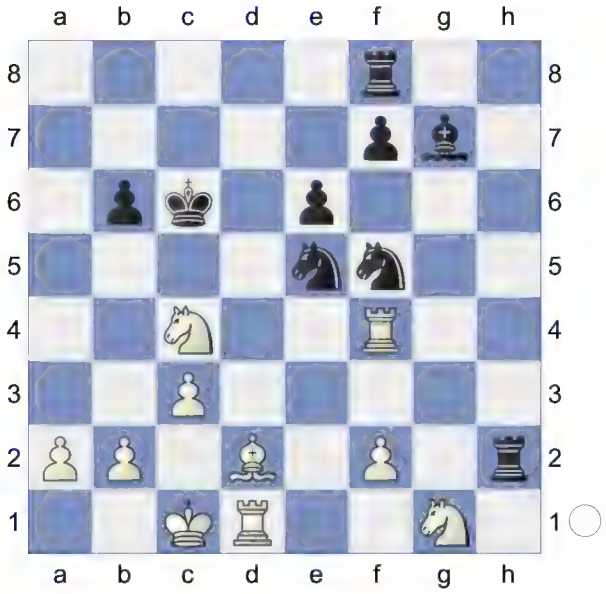
[39...Qb6 40.Rh4]

40.Bxd4+ Discovered Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.48. Loses game: --- Black=3 Missed win: White=2 --- Mistake: White=2 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=2 OK: White=13 Black=9 Best: --- Black=3 Strong: White=1 Black=2

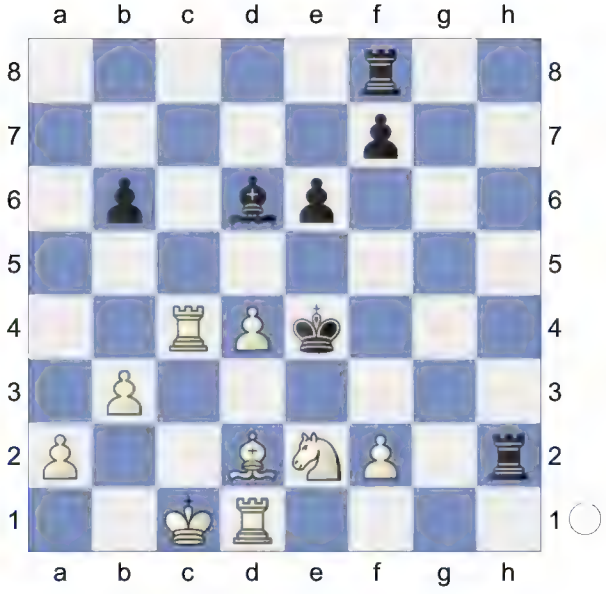
1-0

67 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2766**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2663**
Titled Tue 31st May Early blitz (11)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 g5 2.h4 gxh4 3.d4 d5 4.g5 c5 5.dxc5 Bg7** 0.82/19
[5...e5± 0.40/18]
6.c3 0.36/19
[Better is 6.Rxh4± 0.82/19 Nc6 7.Nc3]
6...e6± 7.e4 dxe4 0.98/20
[7...Ne7= 0.23/18]
8.Qxd8+ White is better.
[8.Rxh4 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Ne7]
8...Kxd8 9.Nd2
[9.Rxh4 Nd7±]
9...b6 2.20/21
[9...f5± 1.04/21]
10.Bg2
[10.Rxh4 Ne7]
10...Bb7 11.cxb6 1.20/22
[But not 11.Nxe4?! Ne7±]
[11.Bxe4+- 1.71/21 Bxe4 12.Nxe4]
11...axb6± 12.Bxe4
[Resist 12.Nxe4 Ne7±]
12...Kc7 13.Bxb7 Kxb7 14.Rxh4 1.11/21
[⌓14.Nc4 1.48/21 Nd6+ would now be deadly. Ne7 15.Nf3 *(15.Rxh4 Nf5+-)*]
14...Nd7 15.Nc4 Kc6 1.63/20
Against Nd6
[15...Ne7± 1.14/21]
16.Rf4 Rf8 1.75/20
[16...f5± 1.29/22]
17.Bd2 1.09/20
[17.Nf3+- 1.75/20]
17...h6 18.gxh6 Nxh6 19.0-0-0
White is more active. **19...Nf5!=** -0.01/20
[Black should try 19...f5 0.95/20]
20.Rg4 0.77/20
[⌓20.Nf3 1.43/20]
20...Rh2 1.16/22
[Black should play 20...b5 0.77/20]
21.Rf4 -0.01/20
[21.Be3± 1.16/22]
21...Ne5? 5.18/23



Black cannot hold the game after this.
22.Nxe5++- Bxe5 23.Rc4+ Kd5 24.b3 Nd4 25.cxd4 Bd6 26.Ne2 Ke4



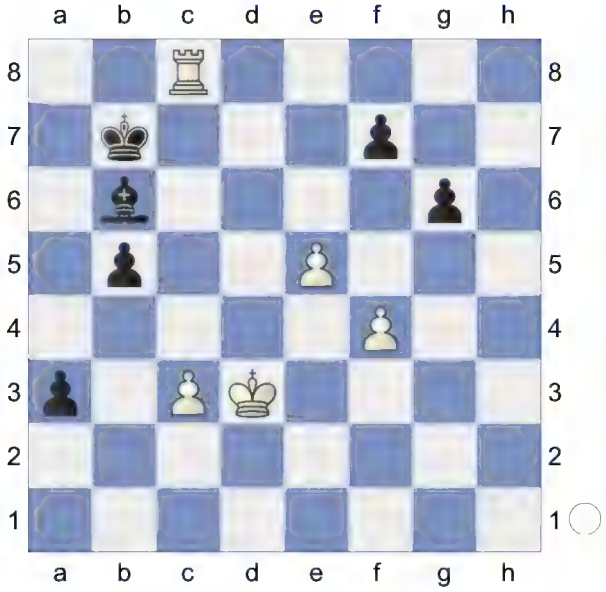
27.d5+! Kf3
[27...Kf5 28.Be3]
28.Nd4+ Kg2 29.dxe6 fxe6 30.Nxe6

Rxf2 31.Ng5 Rh8 32.Rg4+ Kh2 33.Ne4 Ba3+ 34.Kb1 Re2 35.Bf4+ White mates. **35...Kh3 36.Rg3+ Kh4 37.Rh1+ Rh2 38.Rxh2#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) / Black=0.67. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=5 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1 OK: White=8 Black=2 Best: White=1 ---
1-0

68 **A00**
□ **bot_adario** **2765**
■ **Lynx_BOT** **2629**
Rapid 29.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

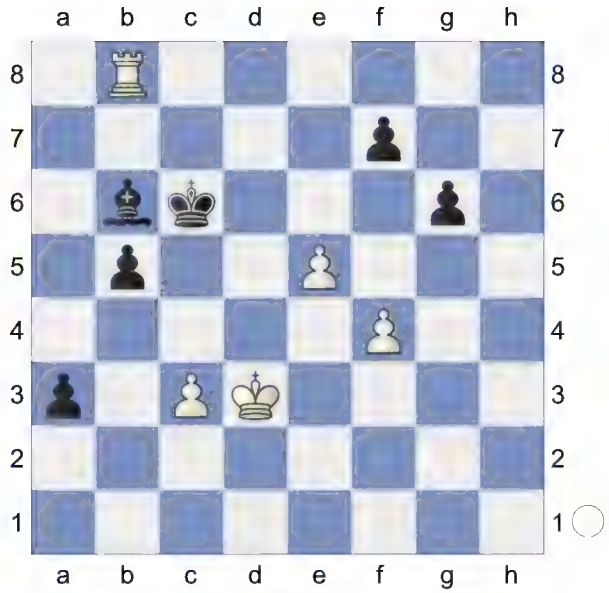
Blitz 5min+5sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.d4
[3.c4 dxc4 4.Qc2 c6 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Nd7 7.Nf3 Bxg4 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qxe5+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.d3 Kd7 13.Rg1 Rhe8 14.Bh1 g6 15.Bg5 h5 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.d4 a5 1-0 (71) Schein,K-Burk,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1)]
3...exd4
[3...e4 4.h3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.c4 Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxe4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 h5 11.g5 Be6 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.Rd1 b5 16.a3 Ba7 17.Be1 0-0 18.g6 1-0 (70) 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2240)-C22 Ne2 CSSR 5/394 1968 (4)]
4.Qxd4 Nc6N
[4...Be6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bc5 *(6...Nf6 7.Ne5 Bd6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qxc6+ Bd7 10.Qc3 Bxg4 11.Bxd5 0-0 12.Bxa8 Qxa8 13.f3 Re8* 4. Other first move openings-Grob's Opening 2) 7.c4 Nge7 8.Ng5 0-0 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 Ng6 Various First Moves 26 A Grandmaster Guide: The Reti, King's]
5.Qxd5 Qxd5 6.Bxd5 Nge7 7.Bf3 Nd4 8.Be4 Black is slightly better. **8...Bxg4 9.c3 Bf5 10.Bxf5 Ndxf5 11.Nf3 0-0-0 12.h4 Re8 13.Nbd2 Nd5 14.h5** -1.05/18
[14.Nb3∓ -0.48/17]
14...Nf4∓ 15.e3 -1.31/22
[⌓15.Ng1 -0.88/22]
15...Nh6 -0.32/21
[Black should play 15...Ng2+!∓ -1.31/22 16.Kf1 Ngxe3+ 17.fxe3 Ng3+ 18.Kg2 Nxh1 19.Kxh1 Rxe3]
16.Kf1∓ Nd3 Hoping for ...Ng4. **17.Ne1 Nxe1 18.Kxe1 g5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Ke2 Bg7 21.Nf3 Nf5 22.Bd2 Nd6 23.Rag1 b5 24.Rxh8 Rxh8 25.a4 a6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Ne1 Rh4 28.Nd3 Kb7 29.Rg2 Rh1 30.f3 Kc8 31.e4 Nc4 32.f4 Nxd2 33.Kxd2=** Endgame KRB-KRN **33...Kd7 34.Ke2 Bf6 35.Nc5+ Kd6 36.Nb3** aiming for e5+. **36...Be7 37.Nd4 Kc5 38.Nf3 Rh3** 0.47/21
[38...Kc4= 0.10/19]
39.Rg1± Bd6 40.e5 Be7 41.Rd1 Kc6 Prevents Rd7. **42.b4 Rh8 43.Ke3 Ra8 44.Ke4 Ra3 45.Nd4+ Kb6 46.Rd3** 0.14/20
[46.Ne2± 0.55/22 should be considered. Ra2 47.Rd7 Rxe2+ 48.Kf3]
46...c5!= 47.Nc2 cxb4 0.74/25
[47...Ra7= 0.22/23 remains equal.]
48.Nxa3±
[48.Nxb4 Ra4=]
[48.cxb4 Rxd3 49.Kxd3 Kc6=]
48...bxa3= KR-KB **49.Rd1 Bc5** 1.19/25

[⌓49...Kc6 0.80/24]
50.Kd3± Kc7! 51.Rh1 Kd7 52.Rh8 Kc6 53.Rb8 Bb6 1.28/28
[53...a2? 54.Ra8+-]
[53...Bf2± 0.63/27]
54.Rc8+ Kb7



55.Rh8
[55.Rf8? a2 56.Rxf7+ Bc7-+ *(56...Ka6? 57.f5-+)*]
55...Kc6 56.Ra8 0.79/24
[56.Re8 1.40/26]
56...Bc5 57.Rb8 -0.01/24
[57.Kc2± 0.72/27]
57...Bb6!=
[Avoid the trap 57...a2? 58.Ra8 b4 59.cxb4 *(59.Rxa2 bxc3 60.Kxc3 Be3±)* 59...Bxb4 60.Rxa2+-]

(Diagram)



58.Ra8 0.01/21
[58.Re8!± 1.37/26]
58...Bc5!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
59.Rb8 0.01/35
[White should try 59.Kc2± 0.72/28]
½-½

69 **A00**
□ **Dakaissa_25** **2761**
■ **Goldenpawn1211** **2747**
Blitz 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
* **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.a4N**
[4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bd6 *(5...h5 6.Nc3 hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3 19.Rb1 Kc6 20.Kc2* 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)*)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5

hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 A 00/01 2000]

4...Nf6 5.e3 Bd6 6.d4 -1.45/18
[⌓6.d3 -1.00/18]

6...e4∓ 7.c4 h6 -1.13/21
[7...dxc4 8.Nd2∓]
[⌓7...h5 -1.56/19 8.g5 Ng8]

8.Nc3 Black is better. **8...0-0**
[8...dxc4 9.Bd2∓]

9.Nge2 Re8 -0.75/22
[9...dxc4 10.b3]
[9...Na6 -1.30/20 10.cxd5 cxd5]

10.0-0 -1.15/20
[⌓10.cxd5 -0.75/22 cxd5 11.Nf4]

10...Na6 11.Bd2 -1.38/21
[⌓11.cxd5 -1.00/20 cxd5 12.b3]

11...dxc4 12.Ng3 Bxg3 13.fxg3 Nb4 14.Nxe4 Discovered Attack **14...Nxe4 15.Bxb4 Nxg3 16.Re1** -1.83/21
[16.Rf3∓ -0.98/20 is a better defense. a5 17.Ba3]

16...Ne4 Hoping for ...h5!. **17.Qc2 Qd5** -0.67/20
[17...a5-+ -1.93/20 18.Ba3 Nf6 19.Qxc4 h5]

18.a5 -1.97/22
[18.Rf1!∓ -0.67/20 a5 19.Be1]

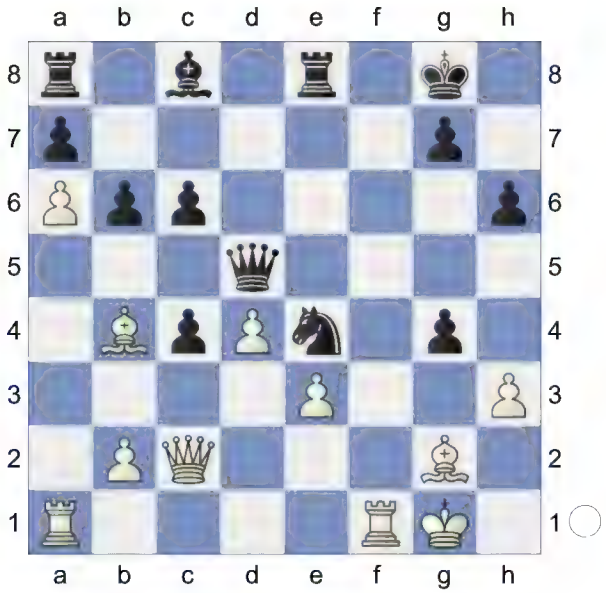
18...f5? 0.01/23
[18...h5-+ -1.97/22 19.Rf1 Qg5 *(19...hxg4 20.Rf4∓)*]

19.a6 -1.46/22
[19.Rf1= 0.01/23]

19...b6 -0.12/20
[19...bxa6 20.Ra5 Qf7 21.Re5=]
[Black should try 19...fxg4∓ -1.46/22 20.axb7 Bxb7]

20.Rf1= fxg4
[20...Qb5 21.Be1 Bd7 22.Rc1 Rac8]

(Diagram)



21.Rf8+! Deflection **21...Rxf8 22.Bxe4 Qg5 23.Bxf8** This pair of bishops is nice. **23...Qxe3+ 24.Kh1 Qxh3+ 25.Kg1! Qe3+ 26.Kh1** Really sharp!

26...Be6 0.42/24
[26...Qxd4 27.Bxc6 Rb8 28.Rd1±]
[26...Qh3+= -0.01/24 27.Kg1 Qe3+ *(27...Kxf8 28.Rf1+ Ke7 29.Bxc6=; 27...Qg3+ 28.Bg2=)* 28.Kg2 Qh3+ *(28...Kxf8 29.Rf1+ Ke7 30.Bxc6=; 28...Qxd4? 29.Bxc6+-)* 29.Kg1]

27.Bb4!± White has compensation.

27...Bd5
[27...Qxd4 28.Rd1 Qf6 29.Bxc6+-]

28.Re1
[28.Bxd5+ simplifies cxd5 29.Qg2 Qg5 30.Re1]

28...Qh3+? 2.56/25
[28...Qxd4± 0.60/21 29.Bc3 Qd3 30.Qxd3 cxd3]

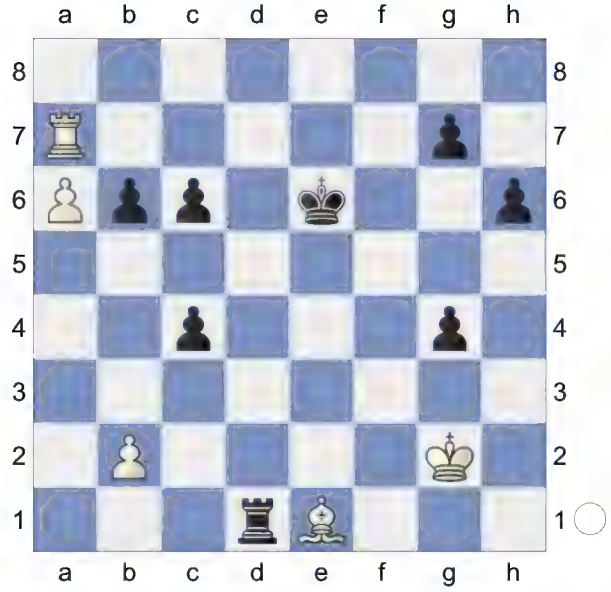
29.Kg1+- Qg3+ 3.84/24
[⌓29...Rd8 2.57/21 30.Qg2 Qh5]

30.Qg2 Qxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Rd8 6.05/22
[31...Bxe4+ 3.28/22 32.Rxe4 h5]

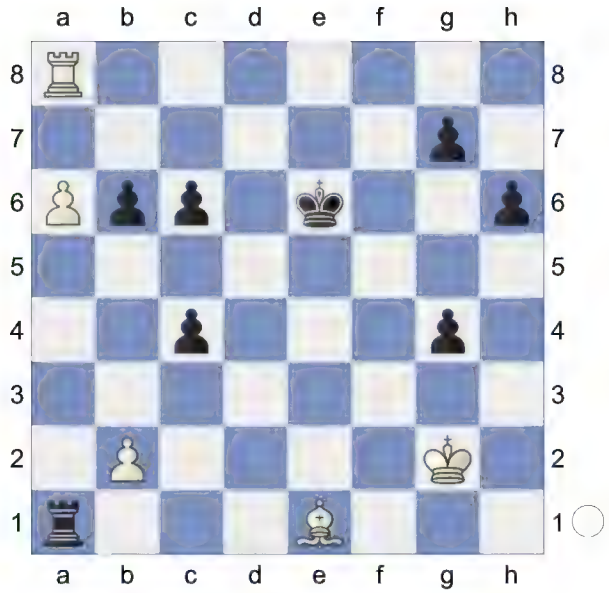
32.Bxd5+ Rxd5 Endgame KRB-KR

33.Bc3? 0.29/25
[33.Re7+- 7.39/21 Kh7 34.Rxa7 *(34.Bc3 h5+-)*]

33...Rd7? 3.67/24
[33...Kf7= 0.29/25 and Black is okay.]
34.Re8+
[34.Re6 Rc7 35.Kg3 Kf7+-]
34...Kf7 35.Ra8 0.72/22
[35.Rc8+- 3.41/26 is more deadly.]
35...Kg6? 3.20/24
[35...Ke6± 0.72/22]
36.Rb8? 0.92/22
[36.Rc8+- 3.20/24]
36...Kf5± 37.Rb7 0.33/24
[37.Rh8± 1.08/23]
37...Ke6± 38.Be1! Threatens to win with Kg3. **38...Rxd4?** 2.00/23
[38...h5± 0.37/23]
39.Rxa7+- Rd1? 4.90/23
[39...c3 2.25/22 40.Bxc3 *(40.Rxg7? perishes. cxb2 41.Bc3 b1Q-+)* 40...Ra4 41.Rxg7 *(41.Bxg7 h5+-)* 41...Rxa6 42.Rg6+ *(42.Rxg4 Ra1+-)* 42...Kd5 43.Rxh6 *(43.Rxg4 Ra7+-)* 43...Ra1 44.Rh5+ *(44.Rg6 b5+-)* 44...Kd6 45.Rh6+ Kd5]



40.Ra8! Ra1
[40...Rd7 41.Bf2]



41.a7! Kf7
[41...Kf5 42.Rf8+]
42.Bb4 Ra2 #16/20
[42...Kg6+- 5.08/23 43.Ba3 c3]
43.Rf8+ Kg6 44.a8Q 7.16/21
[44.a8B Rxb2+ 45.Kg3 Rxb4∓]
[⌓44.Ba3 #17/23 Ra1 45.a8Q *(45.a8R c3+-)* 45...Re1 46.Qxc6+ Kg5 47.Qd7 *(47.Qxc4 Kh5 48.Qd3 g6 49.Bd6 g5 50.Rf6 Rg1+ 51.Kxg1 g3 52.Qf5 Kh4 53.Rxh6#)* 47...Re2+ 48.Kf1 Kh4 49.Kxe2]
44...Rxb2+ 45.Kg3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=1.13
45...Rxb4
1-0

70 **A00**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2757**
■ **Ebrahimi Herab,Hamidreza** **2404**
Titled Tue 13th May Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.g5 e5
[2...c5 3.h4 Nc6 4.b3 e5 5.Bb2 h6

6.g6 fxg6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 Be6 10.Bf3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Qd7 13.Bg2 d4 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bf5 16.f3 Nb4 17.a3 0-1 (24) Shuvalova,P (2483)-Injac,T (2411) Swiss Queens Wed #26 2024 (9.56)]

3.d4N

[3.h4 Bc5 4.c3 Nc6 5.b4 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.b5 Na5 8.d3 c6 9.a4 a6 10.bxa6 Rxa6 11.Qc2 Bf5 12.Nd2 Ng6 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 Rb6 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.e3 h5 17.Ne2 Nxh4 (22) Grob,H-Schnirel,L FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1966]

[3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 *(4.h4 Bd6 5.c4 dxc4 6.b3 cxb3 7.Nc3 Be6 8.axb3 Qb6 9.Qc2 Na6 10.Ne4 Rd8 11.Nxd6+ Rxd6 12.Ba3 Rd7 13.Nf3 f6 14.0-0 Ne7 15.h5 h6 16.d4 Bxb3 17.Qd3 e4 18.Qxe4 Bd5* 0-1 (60) Hadzikaric,M (1762)-Ramazzotti,B (1835) Hyeres op 2013 (6)*)* 4...Nd7 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 cxd5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Qd4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 f6 12.gxf6 Qxf6 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.Bg3 Bf5 16.Nf3 Be4 17.0-0-0 Kf7 1-0 (59) Howell,D (2650)-Rustemov,A (2525) Titled Tue 28th Jun Late 2022 (8)]

3...exd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qa4 Bd7 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Nge7 8.Nf3 Black is clearly better. **8...Ne5 9.Qb3 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 Bc6** -1.02/20

[10...0-0-+ -1.81/18 11.h3 Re8]

11.Na3 -1.59/20

[⌓11.c4 -1.02/20]

11...Qd7∓ 12.c4 Bxa3 -0.59/24

[12...d4-+ -1.63/20 13.h4 0-0]

13.Qxa3 -1.46/21

[13.cxd5∓ -0.59/24 Bxd5 14.Bxd5 Nxd5 *(14...Qxd5 15.Qxd5 Nxd5 16.bxa3∓)* 15.Qxa3]

13...dxc4 14.Bf4 -2.64/20

[14.Bxc6∓ -1.21/22 Qxc6 *(14...Nxc6 15.Qe3+ Ne7 16.Bd2∓)* 15.0-0]

14...Bxf3-+ 15.Qxf3 0-0-0 16.0-0 Qc6 -1.42/20

[16...Nc6-+ -2.59/19 17.Be3 Qe6]

17.Qa3 -2.50/21

[17.Qxc6∓ -1.42/20 Nxc6 18.Rfc1]

17...Ng6 18.Bg3 a6 19.Rac1 -2.18/22

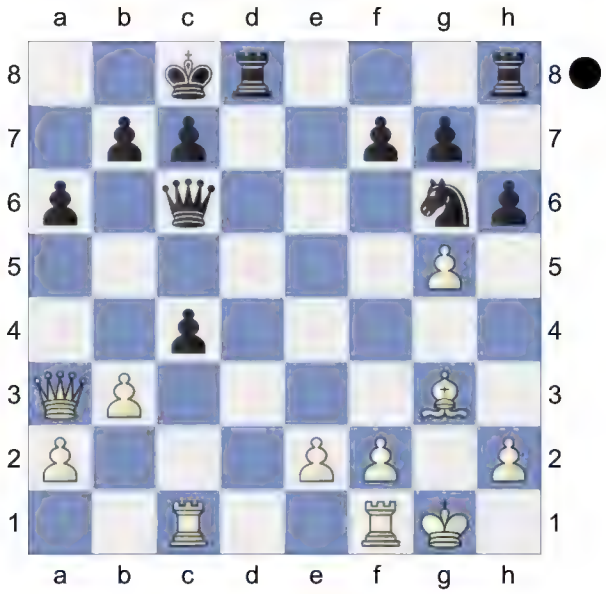
[⌓19.Rad1 -1.81/19]

19...h6→ -1.19/22 White is in trouble.

[19...Rd4-+ -2.18/22 and ...Nf4 should not be overlooked 20.Rfd1 Rg4]

20.b3 -2.22/24

[20.gxh6∓ -1.19/22 might work better. gxh6 *(20...Rxh6 21.Rfd1∓)* 21.b3]



20...c3? 0.89/26

[20...hxg5? 21.Rxc4 Qb6 22.Bxc7 *(22.Rxc7+ Qxc7 23.Bxc7 Kxc7+-)* 22...Qxc7 23.Qc1+- *(23.Rxc7+ Kxc7 24.Qc1+ Kb8+-)*]

[20...Rd4!-+ -2.22/24 21.Qa5 Nf4 22.Qf5+ Qe6 23.Qxe6+ Nxe6 *(23...fxe6 24.Rfe1∓)*]

21.Qa5 0.01/26

[21.Rxc3± 0.89/26 Qxc3 22.Rc1

Qxc1+ *(22...Nf4? 23.Bxf4+-)* 23.Qxc1]

21...Rd5

[21...hxg5? 22.Rxc3 *(22.Qxc3 Qxc3 23.Rxc3 c6±)* 22...Rd5 23.Qb4+- *(23.Qxc7+ Qxc7* Remove Defender *24.Rxc7+ Kd8+-)*]

[21...c2 feels hotter. 22.Qf5+ Rd7 23.gxh6 Rxh6 24.Rxc2 Ne7]

22.Qxc3 Qxc3 23.Rxc3 c6 24.Rf3 Rf8 0.85/22

[24...Rd7= -0.16/23]

25.gxh6± gxh6 26.Rc1 -0.06/25

[26.Rf6± 0.72/22]

26...h5 27.Rc4? -3.41/22

[27.Rf6= 0.14/24]

27...f5 -1.52/22

[27...h4-+ -3.41/22 28.Bxh4 Ne5]

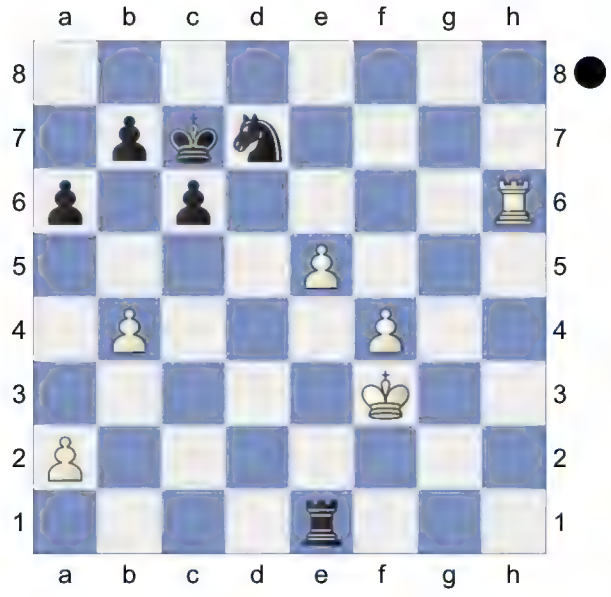
28.e4? -4.91/25

[28.h3∓ -1.52/22]

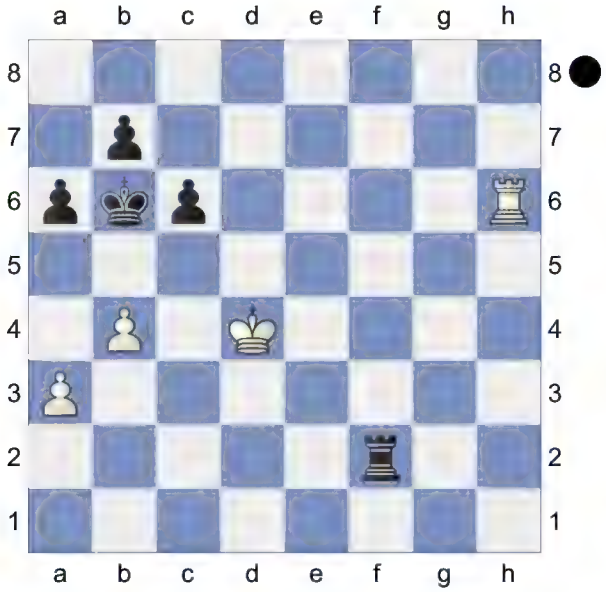
28...Rd1+-+ 29.Kg2 f4 30.Rc5 h4 31.Rg5 fxg3 32.Rxf8+ Nxf8 33.hxg3 hxg3 Endgame KRN-KR **34.Rg8 Rd8 35.Kxg3 Ne6** Dodges f4 **36.Rg6 Nc5 37.e5 Rd2 38.f4 Re2**

[38...Rxa2 39.f5-+]

39.Kf3 Re1 40.Rd6 Kc7 41.b4 Nd7 42.Rh6



Nxe5+! 43.fxe5 Rxe5 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **44.Kf4 Re2 45.a3 Rf2+ 46.Ke4 Kb6 47.Kd4**



Kb5? -0.52/29

[47...Rf3 48.a4∓]

[Black should try 47...Ra2!-+ -5.32/31 48.Rh3 Re2]

48.Rh5+? -5.51/27

[White should try 48.Rh7∓ -0.52/29]

48...Ka4 49.Ra5+ -8.07/5

[⌓49.Rh7 -4.86/28 Kb3 *(49...Kxa3 50.Rxb7 Rb2 51.Kc5∓)* 50.Rxb7]

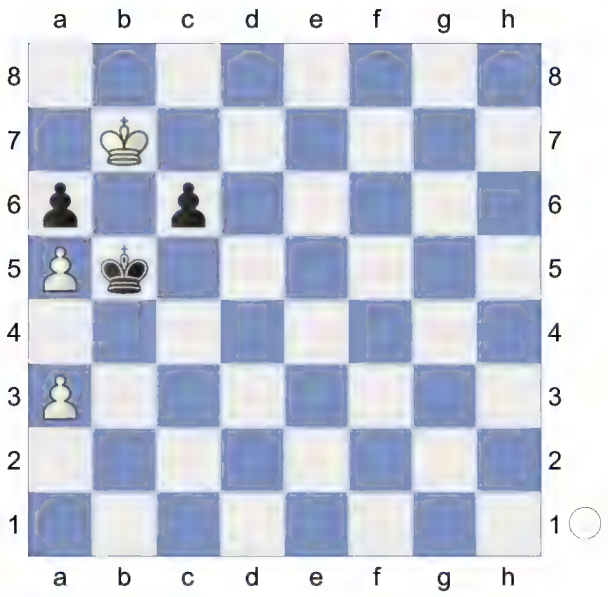
49...Kb3 50.Kc5 Rf5+ 51.Kb6 Rxa5 52.bxa5 Ka4? 0.01/30

[Stronger than 52...Kxa3 53.Kxb7 c5 54.Kxa6=]

[52...c5!-+ -32.62/34 53.Kxb7 c4 *(53...Kxa3 54.Kxa6 c4 55.Kb6=)* 54.Kxa6 c3 *(54...Kxa3 55.Kb6=)*]

53.Kxb7= KPP-KPP **53...Kb5**

(Diagram)

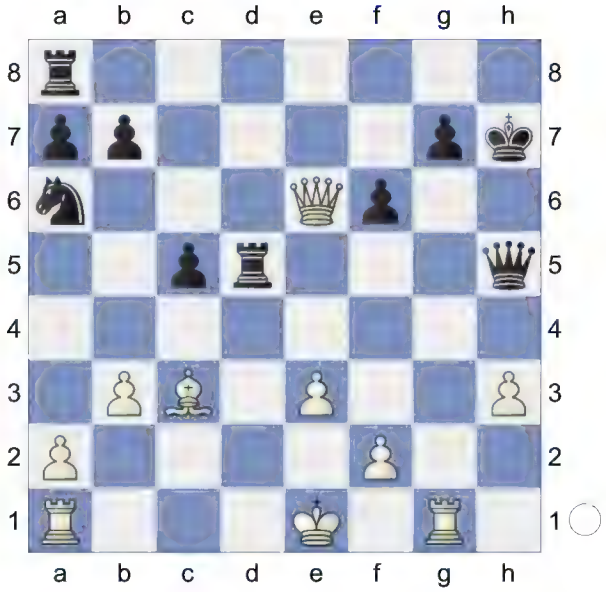


(-> ...c5!) **54.a4+!** **Kxa5** **55.Kxc6** White wants to play Kc5. **55...Kxa4** -0.85/31 KP-K. Black is a pawn up.
[55...Kb4= 0.01/40]
56.Kc5∓ **a5** -0.05/28
[56...Kb3∓ -0.81/61 (-> ...a5) 57.Kb6 Kc4]
57.Kc4= **Ka3** **58.Kc3** **a4** **59.Kc2** **Ka2** **60.Kc1** -0.79/95
[60.Kc3= -0.25/94 remains equal.]
60...a3 0.29/31
[60...Kb3∓ -0.79/95]
61.Kc2 White has compensation.
61...Ka1 **62.Kc1** **a2**
[62...Ka2!?]
And White is the lucky defender.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.63
63.Kc2
½-½

71 **A00**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2753**
■ **Gustafsson,J** **2602**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (5) 11.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 **d6** **2.h3** **e5** **3.Bg2** **h5N**
[3...c6 4.d4 Be7 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nge2 a6 9.a4 a5 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.f4 Nb6 14.b3 Re8 15.Ba3 Bf8 16.Qc2 Bd7 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.h4 1-0 (37) Van Foreest,L (2583)-Yelisieiev,Y (2403) Titled Tue 17. Jan Early 2023 (5)]
[3...c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6 8.b3 Be6 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.e3 d5 11.Nge2 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.0-0-0 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.N4g3 h5 17.h4 Ng6 18.Kb1 1-0 (27) Duda,J (2731)-Sonis, F (2562) Titled Tue 16th Apr Early blitz 2024 (11)]
4.gxh5 **Qh4** **5.Nc3** **Nf6** **6.d4** **exd4** 0.10/23
[⌓6...e4 -0.27/21]
7.Nb5 **Na6** **8.Nf3** The position is equal.
8...Qxh5 **9.Nfxd4** -0.92/20
[9.Nbxd4= -0.30/19 Ne4 10.c3]
9...Be7 -0.01/19
[9...c6∓ -0.92/20 10.Nc3 d5]
10.c4 -0.67/20
[Better is 10.Bf4= -0.01/19]
10...0-0 0.26/19
[10...Kf8∓ -0.67/20]
11.b3 -0.86/22
[11.Bf3= 0.26/19 remains equal. Qh7 12.Bg5]
11...c6 **12.Nc3** **d5** **13.cxd5** **Bb4** **14.Bd2** **Rd8** **15.Qc2?** -2.35/21
[15.a3!∓ -0.52/20 Bxc3 16.Bxc3]

15...Bxc3? 0.19/25
[15...cxd5 16.a3 Bc5 17.Be3∓]
[15...Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Rxd5 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.0-0-0= *(18.Nf3 Bf5∓)*]
[Black should play 15...Bc5!-+ -2.35/21 16.Be3 Nb4 *(16...Nxd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.a3∓; 16...cxd5 17.Rg1=)*]
16.Bxc3= Nxd5 17.Bf3 This pair of bishops is nice.
[17.Bxd5!? Rxd5 18.Qe4∓]
17...Qh6
[17...Qh4!? 18.0-0-0 Nxc3 *(18...Qxf2 19.Ba5∓)* 19.Qxc3 Nc7=]
18.Bxd5 Rxd5 19.Rg1 -0.86/22
[19.Qc1= 0.01/21]
19...f6 0.35/23
[19...Qxh3 20.0-0-0 Qh6+ 21.e3=]
[19...Bxh3∓ -0.86/22 ...Re8 would now be deadly. 20.Qc1 Qxc1+ 21.Rxc1 f6]
20.e3 -0.35/24
[20.Rg6± 0.35/23 Qh5 21.0-0-0]
20...c5∓
[20...Qxh3? 21.Qg6 Qd7 22.Qxf6+- *(22.Ne6 Nc5+-)*]
21.Qe4 -4.30/23
[21.Ne2!= -0.20/21]
21...Qh5?? 2.90/24
[21...Re5-+ -4.30/23 and life is good for Black. 22.Qf3 cxd4 23.Bxd4 Rg5 *(23...Qxh3?* perishes. *24.Qxf6 Bg4 25.Qxe5+-)* 24.Rxg5 Qxg5]
22.Ne6+- Bxe6 23.Qxe6+ Kh7? #6/14
[23...Qf7+- 2.98/24 24.Qxf6 Qxf6 25.Bxf6 Kf7]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=1.06
24.Rxg7+!! Remove Defender, Decoy, Double Attack
1-0

72 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2749**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2817**
PRO League Group Stage (10) 13.03.19
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6**
[3...Nf6 4.Qb3 Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2

14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf5+ 0-1 Irlbacher,R (1443)-Weiss,W (2023) corr 8.DSFC/V1 Post 2017]

4.Qb3 Qd7N

[4...Nf6 5.cxd5 *(5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Qxc6+ Bd7* 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.Q *)* 5...cxd5 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 *(7.d4 Rb8 8.Qxa7 Qc8 9.Nc3 Ra8* 0-1 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c *)* 7...e6 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Bb4 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1. g4 d5 − 5.c]

5.cxd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.d3 Black is better. **8...Nxd5** -0.35/9

[8...Be6∓ -1.28/9 9.Nxf6+ exf6]

9.Qxd5∓ e5 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bd6 13.Be3 Nb4 -0.17/16

[Better is 13...f5∓ -0.84/11]

14.Kd2 -0.65/13

[14.0-0-0= -0.17/16 was preferrable.]

14...f5 -0.27/10

[14...Nd5∓ -0.65/13]

15.f4!= Deflection **15...exf4 16.Bd4 Nc6** 0.23/15

[16...Rhg8∓ -0.31/7]

17.Bc3 -0.73/12

[17.Bxg7= 0.23/15 Rhg8 18.Rhg1]

(Diagram)

This pair of bishops is nice. **17...Rhe8** -0.14/13

[17...Bc5!∓ -0.73/12 18.Rhf1 Nd4]

18.h4 -1.05/14

[18.Bxg7= -0.14/13 Bc5 19.Bh3]

18...g6 -0.31/12

[18...Bc5!∓ -1.05/14 19.Bxg7 Bxf2 20.Bxc6+ Kxc6 *(20...bxc6? 21.Rhf1-+)*]

19.Rag1 -1.65/11

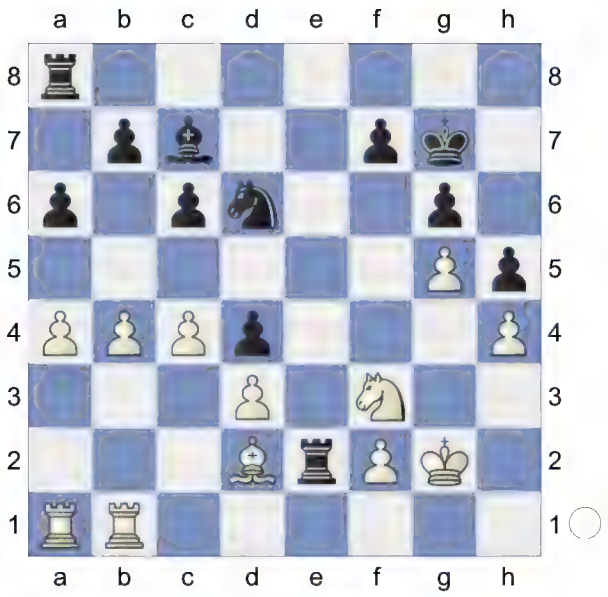
[19.d4!∓ -0.31/12]

19...Bc5-+ 20.Rh2 Kc7 -0.68/16

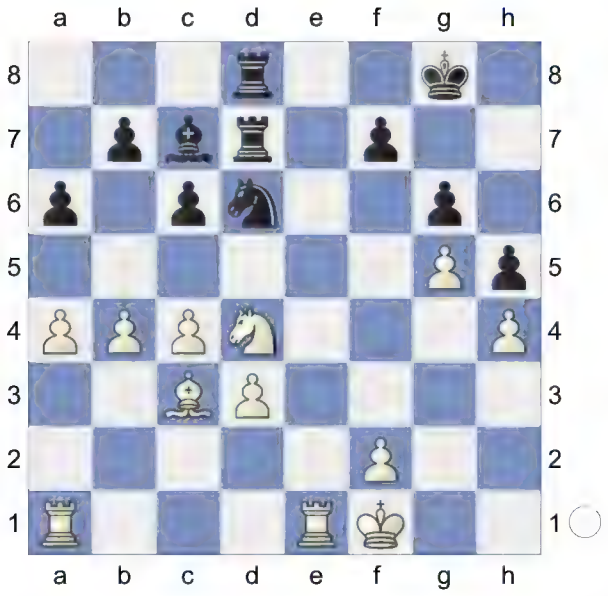
[20...Bxf2? too greedy. 21.Bxc6+ Kxc6 22.Rxf2+-]
[20...Nd4∓ -1.56/15 aiming for ... Re2+. 21.Bh1 Ne2 *(21...Re2+ 22.Kd1=)*]
21.Bxc6∓ Kxc6 22.h5 Re6 23.hxg6 hxg6 White must now prevent ...Kd5. **24.Rh6 Bxf2** 0.00/24
[24...Rg8!∓ -0.43/23 feels stronger. 25.d4 Bd6]
25.Rgxg6= The position is equal. **25...Rxg6 26.Rxg6+∓** Endgame. KRB-KRB **26...Kd5 27.Rf6 Be3+ 28.Ke2 Rg8 29.Rxf5+ Ke6 30.Rf6+ Kd5 31.Rf5+ Ke6 32.Re5+ Kd6 33.Kf3 Bd2** Strongly threatening ...Bxc3. Deflection **34.Bd4 Be3 35.Bc3 Bd2** ...Bxc3 is the strong threat. Deflection **36.Ra5 Rg3+ 37.Ke4 Re3+ 38.Kd4 Re2 39.Bxd2 Rxd2 40.Kc3 Rd1 41.Rf5 Rf1 42.Kd4 Rf2 43.b3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise) . Mistake: White=4 Black=8 Inaccurate: White=2 --- OK: White=18 Black=14 Best: White=2 Black=3 Strong: White=1 --- ½-½

73 **A00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2749**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2630**
PRO League Group Stage (10) 13.03.19
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 h5N**
[3...e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bd6 *(5...h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7* 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3
A) 7...a5 8.Bd2 *(8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.h6 g4* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 8...a4 9.Nxa4 dxc4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Nc3 Na6 12.gxf5 Nb4 13.Qc1 e3 14.Bxe3 Bxf5 15.Ne4 b5 16.a3 Nbd5 17.Bd2 0-0 Oh,G-The Grob. Tales of a lesser;
B) 7...0-0 8.Bg5 f6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.d5 Bf7 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Rd1 Nc5 15.Qe3 Bxd5 16.b4 Na4 17.Qd4 Nb6 Lange-Beckett ICCF E Marl]
4.g5 e5 5.d3 Bd6 -0.81/13
[Better is 5...Ne7 -1.19/11 6.e4 d4]
6.c4 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bc7 8.Qb3 Black is better. **8...d4 9.Ne4 Ba5+ 10.Kf1 0-0 11.h4 Qc7** -0.11/11
[11...Bc7∓ -0.73/14]
12.Qa3 Na6 Repels b4 **13.Qd6! Bf5** Hoping for ...Bxe4. **14.Qxc7 Bxc7 15.Ng3 Bg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 g6 18.Bd2 Kg7 19.b4 Nb8 20.Kg2** White is more active. **20...Nd7 21.Rhb1 a6 22.a4 Nf5 23.Ne4 Nd6** 1.27/11
[23...Rfe8± 0.57/14]
24.Nc5!± Rfd8
[24...Nxc5 25.bxc5 b5 26.cxb6+- *(26.cxd6 Bxd6 27.c5 Bc7+-)*]
25.Nxd7 Remove Defender **25...Rxd7 26.Nxe5 Re7 27.Nf3 Rxe2**
(Diagram)



28.Kf1 0.43/9
[White should play 28.Bf4!± 1.30/11]
28...Re7 1.87/11 Loses the game.
[28...Rae8± 0.43/9]
29.Nxd4+- Rd8 3.29/12
[29...Rd7 1.84/19 keeps fighting. 30.Bc3 Kf8]
30.Bc3 Kg8 31.Re1 Red7



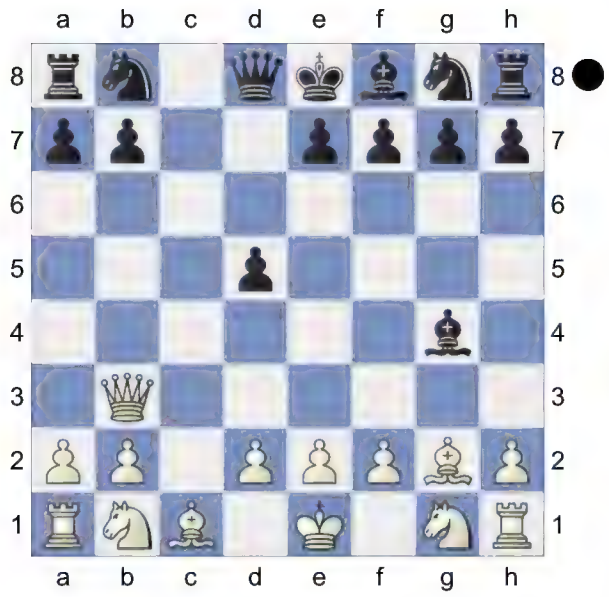
32.Nb3! b6 33.Nd4 c5 34.Nc6 Re8 35.b5 Ra8 36.Ne7+ Kf8 37.Nd5 Nf5 38.a5 bxa5 39.Nxc7
[39.Bxa5 Bd8 40.Nb6 Bxb6+-]
39...Rxc7 40.Rxa5 Nxh4 White is clearly winning. **41.Rea1**
[41.Rxa6 Rxa6 42.bxa6 Ra7+-]
[41.bxa6 Rca7 42.Rxc5 Rxa6+-]
41...Nf3 42.Bf6 Nd2+ 43.Kg2 Ke8 44.R5a3 Rd7 45.Re1+ Kf8 46.Re2 Nb1 47.Ra1 Rxd3 8.92/10
[⌓47...Rb7 5.17/9 48.Rb2 *(48.Rxb1 Rc8+-; 48.Rxa6 Rxa6 49.bxa6 Ra7+-; 48.bxa6 Rb6+-)* 48...Rba7]
48.Rxb1 axb5 49.cxb5 Rb8 50.b6 Rd6 51.Be7+ Skewer, Double Attack.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise) . Mistake: White=1 Black=4 Inaccurate: --- Black=3 OK: White=23 Black=11 Best: White=3 --- Strong: White=2

1-0

74 **A00**
□ **AbasnavatMiAra** **2733**
■ **NewTwist** **2717**
Blitz 06.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

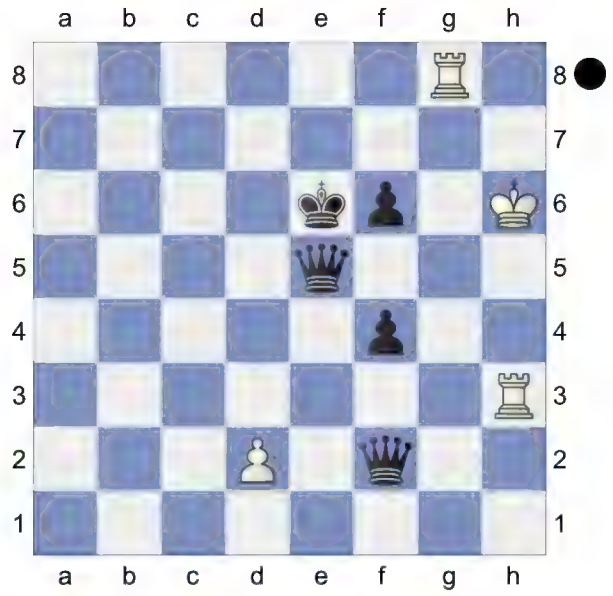
Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3

(Diagram)



Nd7N -0.20/20
[5...Nf6!∓ -1.40/19
A) 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.d4 e6 8.Nc3 a5 *(8...Rb8 9.Qxa7 Bd6 10.Qa6 Rb6 11.Qd3* Grob,H-Wegmuller,F FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960 *)* 9.Bf4 Rc8 10.h3 Bf5 11.Qb3 Rc4 12.Nb5 a4 13.Qxc4 dxc4 14.Nc7+ Ke7 15.d5 e5 16.0-0-0 Qxc7 17.d6+ Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Kxd6 19.Bd2 Be7 20.Nf3 h6 0-1 (25) Grob,H-Gubler,E FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1965;
B) 6.Nc3 e6 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Nf3 Bc5 10.d4 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 0-0 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.a3 Be7 15.Ne1 Nh5 16.Bc7 Ndf6 17.Be5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.h3 Bf5 20.Kg2 Rfd8 21.e3 Bh4 22.Nc3 f6 1-0 (42) Polliotto,A-Figeac,A (2155) Masters Montpellier 1998 (2)]
[5...Nc6 6.Qxb7 Nd4 7.Na3 Nf6 8.e3 Rb8 9.Qxa7 Nc6 10.Qc5 Nb4 11.Bf1 e5 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qc3 d4 15.exd4 exd4 16.Qg3 Qe6+ 17.Ne2 Bd6 18.Qb3 Qe4 19.Qa4+ Nd7 20.Rg1 0-1 (24) Schwan,F-Briant,L April Swiss Toledo 2016]
[5...Qc7 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.Nxd5 Qxb3 8.axb3 Na6 9.Rxa6 bxa6 10.Nc7+ Kd7 11.Nxa8 e5 12.d4 Bd6 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Be3 Ne7 15.Bxa7 Nc6 16.Nb6+ Kc7 17.Nd5+ Kb7 18.Bc5 Bxb2 19.e3 1-0 Holick,M (1825)-Ferk,M (1685) Goetzis op Götzis 1996 (6)]
6.Bxd5= e6 7.Bxb7 -1.16/21
[7.Bf3= -0.28/19 keeps the balance. Ngf6 8.Bxg4 Nxg4 9.Nf3]
7...Rb8∓ 8.Qa4 -1.73/19
[8.Qg3∓ -1.17/20]
8...Rxb7 -0.47/18
[8...Bxe2-+ -1.73/19 9.Nxe2 Rxb7]
9.Qxg4∓ Ngf6 10.Qf3 -0.90/20
[10.Qg2= -0.27/19 Rb4 11.b3]
10...Qc8 Black has strong compensation. **11.Nc3 Be7 12.e3** -1.85/19
[12.Qh3∓ -0.70/20]
12...0-0 -0.77/19
[12...Ne5-+ -1.85/19 has better winning chances. 13.Qe2 Qc6]
13.Nge2? -3.22/21
[13.d4∓ -0.77/19 only move.]
13...Ne5-+ 14.Qg2 Nd3+ 15.Kf1 Rd8
[15...Nxb2 16.Rb1 Ba3 17.Rg1±]
16.Rg1 g6
[16...Nxb2 17.Qxg7#]
17.b3 Rb4 -1.88/17
[17...Nxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc7 *(18...Rxd2 19.Nb1=)* 19.Rd1∓]
[⌓17...Rc7 -3.95/18 18.Qf3 Nxc1 Remove Defender 19.Rxc1 Rxd2]
18.Ba3 Rg4 Discovered Attack **19.Bxe7 Rxg2 20.Rxg2 Nd5↑** White is under strong pressure. **21.Bxd8 Qxd8 22.Rd1** -2.34/19
[22.Nxd5∓ -1.48/19 Qxd5 23.h4]
22...Qd6 23.Kg1 -2.27/21
[23.Nxd5∓ -1.46/20 Qxd5 24.Kg1]

23...Ne7 24.Ne4 -2.22/20
[⩲24.Ng3 -1.64/21]
24...Qe5 25.N4g3 -2.16/21
[25.N2c3∓ -1.53/20 was called for.]
25...Qb2 26.Nd4? -3.71/21
[26.f4 -1.78/20]
26...Qxa2 27.h4 e5 28.Nf3 Qc2 -2.42/21
[⩲28...Qxb3 -4.48/21 29.Ra1 a5]
29.Rf1 Qxb3 30.h5 Qd5? -1.23/20
[30...a5-+ -3.45/19 Threatens to win with ...a4. 31.Ne1 Nxe1 *(31...Nc5? 32.Nf3-+)* 32.Rxe1 Kf8]
31.e4? -4.75/19
[31.Ng5∓ -1.23/20]
31...Qb5 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Ne2 Nc6 34.Nc3 Qc4 35.Nd5 Kg7
[35...Qxe4? 36.Nf6+ Kf8 37.Nxe4+-]
36.Rg4 a5 37.Nh4? -6.79/21
[37.Rh4 -3.19/20 Ncb4 *(37...Nd4 38.Ng5=)* 38.Ne3]
37...Ncb4 38.Nf5+ Kf8 39.Nfe3 Qc5 40.Kg2 -5.96/20
[⩲40.Ra1 -4.11/21]
40...Nxd5 41.Nxd5 a4 42.Rh1 Qxf2+
[42...Nxf2? 43.Rh8+ Kg7 44.Rgh4+-]
43.Kh3 Nf4+ -11.15/25
[⩲43...Qf3+ -34.57/26 44.Kh2 Qxg4]
44.Nxf4 exf4 Endgame KQ-KRR
45.Rh2 Qf3+ 46.Kh4 f6 47.Rxg6 Kf7 48.Rg4 a3 (-> ...a2!) **49.Rh3 Qf2+ 50.Kh5 a2 51.e5 a1Q 52.e6+ Kxe6 53.Rg8 Qe5+** -36.31/5
[⩲53...Qc5+ -#10/22 54.Kh6 f3 55.Rh5 Qc6 *(55...Qe7* gets mated. *56.Rb5 Qh1+ 57.Rh5 Qb1 58.Rg7 Qe8 59.Re5+* Decoy *Kxe5 60.Re7+ Qxe7 61.Kh5 Qh1+ 62.Kg6 Qhh7#)* 56.Rh4 f2 57.Rgg4 f1Q *(57...f1R 58.Rc4)* 58.Kh7 Qf5+ 59.Kh6 Qc7 60.Re4+ Qae5 *(60...Kf7 61.Re7+ Qxe7 62.Rg4 Qh1+ 63.Rh4 Qxh4#)* 61.Rxe5+ fxe5 62.Rh5 Qch7#]
54.Kh6



Qf3 -4.38/18 **55.Re8+** -#6/14
[55.Rxf3-+ -4.38/18 Qd5 56.Rc3]
55...Kd5?? 11.08/21
[55...Kf7 -#6/14 56.Rxe5 Qxh3+ 57.Rh5 Qg3 58.Rg5 Qxg5+ 59.Kh7 Qh5#]
Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/ Black=1.18
56.Rxe5+
[56.Rxf3? is the wrong capture. Qxe8 57.Rxf4 Qd8-+]
1-0

75 **A00**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
■ **Sonis,Francesco** **2562**
Titled Tue 16th Apr Early blitz (11)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d6 2.Bg2 e5 3.h3 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Qd2N** -0.42/22
[7.g5= -0.04/22]
[7.Bd5 Nge7 8.Nf3 Nb4 9.Bg5 f6

10.Bd2 Nbxd5 11.cxd5 a6 12.a4 b6 13.e4 Bd7 14.Be3 h5 15.g5 f5 The Grob-C5,B 2006]

7...h6 8.b3 The position is equal.

8...Be6 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.e3 d5 11.Nge2 Rc8 0.24/21

[⌓11...dxc4 -0.14/21 12.Ne4 cxb3 *(12...cxd3 13.Nf4=; 12...Qxd3 13.Nd6+ Kf8 14.Nxb7=)*]

12.e4 -0.37/20

[12.0-0-0= 0.24/21]

12...dxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.0-0-0 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 1.14/20

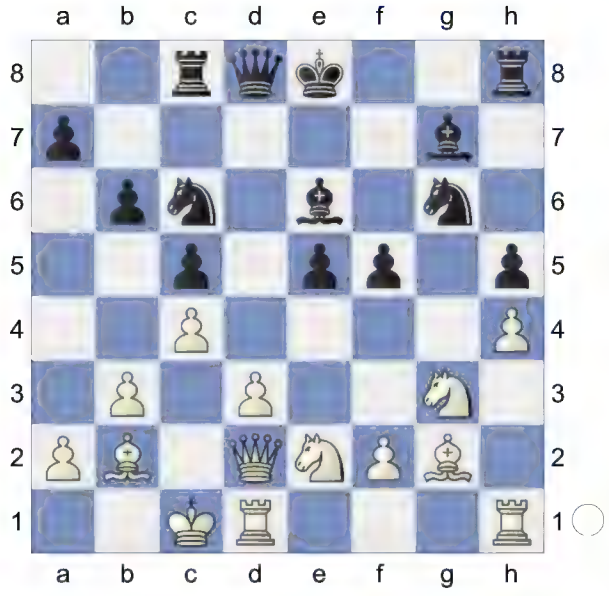
[15...Nxf5= -0.18/20 16.f4 0-0]

16.N4g3± Strongly threatening Nh5. White is more active. **16...h5 17.h4** 0.40/22

[White should try 17.Kb1± 1.26/22]

17...Ng6 1.38/24

[17...f4!± 0.40/22 18.Ne4 *(18.Nxf4 Bg4∓)* 18...Bf5]



18.Kb1 0.84/22

[White should play 18.f4! 1.38/24]

18...Nd4 1.72/19

[18...f4± 0.84/22]

19.f4 1.08/22

[19.Nxd4+- 1.72/19 cxd4 20.Bf3]

19...Nxe2? 2.91/19 This move loses the game for Black.

[19...Nxf4± 1.08/22 20.Nxf4 exf4 21.Qxf4 Qc7]

20.Nxe2+- Bh6 21.Bf3

[21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Qe3 Kf7 23.Qxe5 Bg7=]

21...Nxf4 22.Bxe5 Ng6 23.Qc3 Nxe5 3.88/19

[23...0-0 2.34/19 is a better defense. 24.Bxh5 Nxe5 25.Qxe5 Qf6 26.Qxf6 Rxf6]

24.Qxe5 Kd7 9.99/20

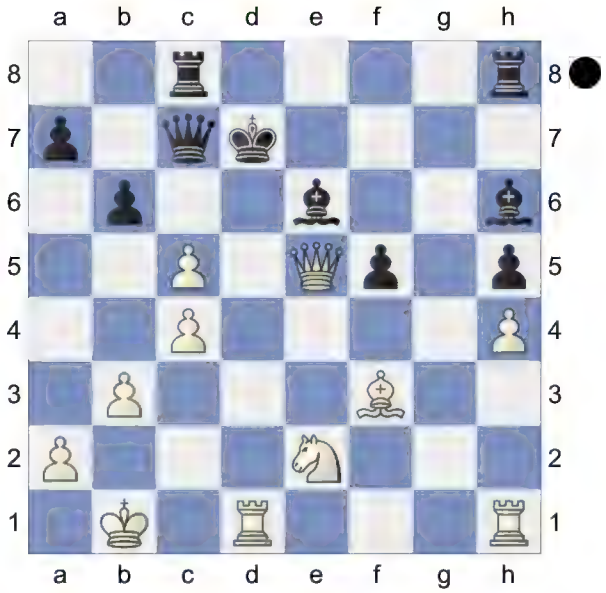
[⌓24...Kf7 4.05/24 25.Bxh5+ Ke7]

25.d4

[Not 25.Bxh5 Qc7 26.Qb2 *(26.Qf6 Rcf8=)* 26...Rcd8±]

25...Qc7 26.dxc5+

[Weaker is 26.Bxh5 Qxe5 27.dxe5+ Ke7±]

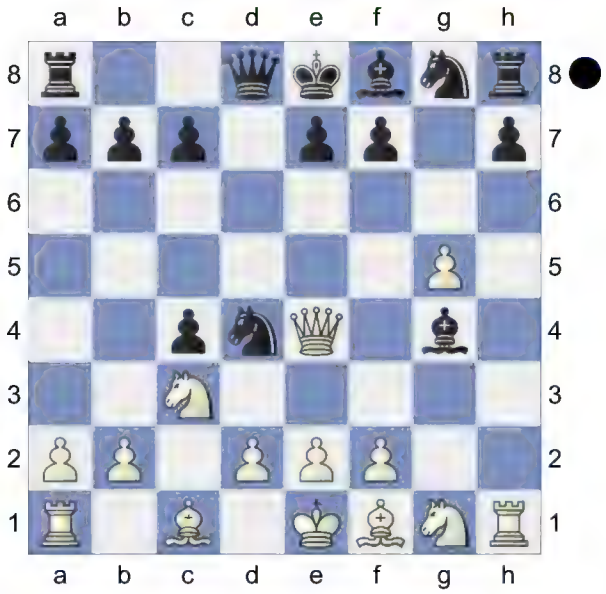


Discovered Attack (Check) **26...Ke7 27.Rd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.82. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=5 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=3 OK: White=6 Black=5

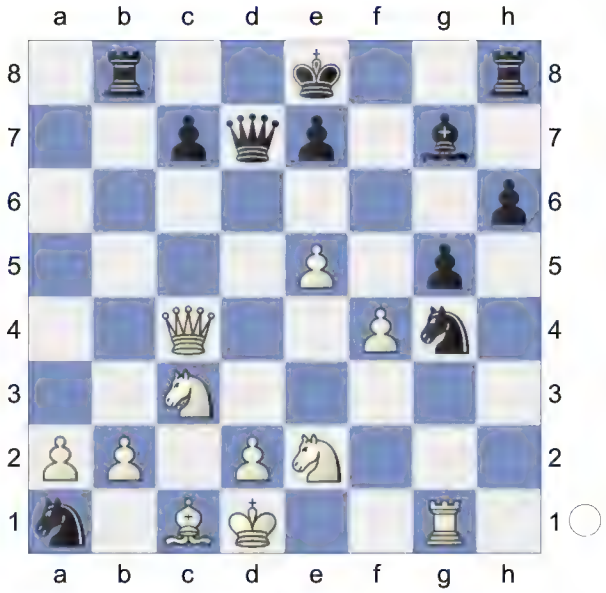
Best: White=1 Black=1
1-0

76 **A00**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2721**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2774**
chess.com Speed 2019 (1.30) 03.09.19
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 g5 2.h4 d5 3.hxg5 Bxg4 4.c4 dxc4 5.Qc2 Nc6** 0.34/23
[5...Qd5!∓ -0.46/25 6.f3 *(6.Rxh7? Bf5-+)* 6...Bd7]
6.Nc3 -0.55/22
[White should play 6.Bg2± 0.34/23]
6...Nd4 7.Qe4



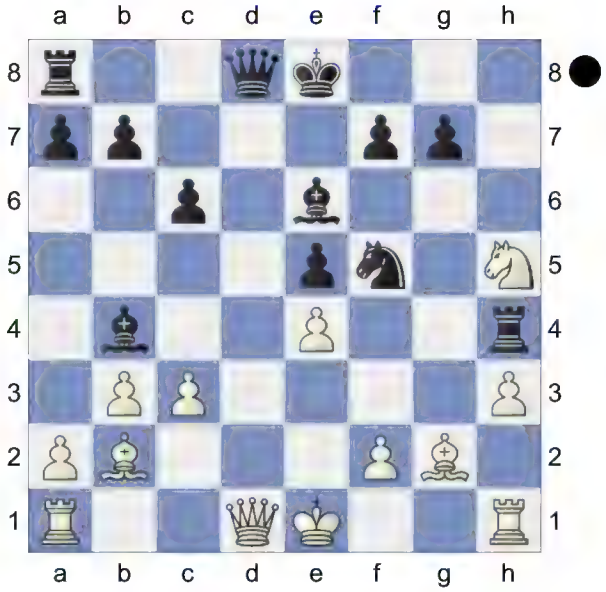
e3! would now be deadly. **7...Bf5 8.Qxb7** -1.63/22
[8.Qe5!∓ -0.44/22 f6 9.gxf6 Nxf6 10.Nb5 Nxb5 *(10...Nc2+ 11.Kd1±)* 11.Qxb5+ Qd7 12.Qxc4]
8...Nc2+ -1.16/5
[Black should try 8...Bg7-+ -1.63/22 And now ...Rb8 would win. 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.Qxa7 Nc2+ 11.Kd1 Bxc3 Pin]
9.Kd1∓ Bh3! is the strong threat.
9...Nxa1 10.e4 -1.84/23
[10.Bg2∓ -1.04/19 might work better. Rc8 11.Qb5+ *(11.Qxa7? loses. Bg7-+; 11.Bc6+ Bd7∓)* 11...Bd7 *(11...Qd7? 12.Bc6+- Pin)* 12.Qe5]
10...Rb8 -1.16/19
[10...Bg4+-+ -1.84/23 11.f3 Bd7 *(11...Rb8 12.Qxa7 Bd7 13.Bxc4∓)* 12.Bxc4 Bg7]
11.Qxa7 Be6 Strongly threatening ... Bg7. **12.Bxc4** -2.01/20 **Bxc4-+ 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxc4 Bg7 15.Nge2 h6 16.g6 fxg6 17.Rg1 g5 18.f4** -3.27/21
[⌓18.b3 -2.07/17]
18...Nf6 aiming for ...Ng4. **19.e5 Ng4**



Hoping for ...Ne3+. **20.Ne4?** -11.59/18
[20.d4 -3.18/19 h5 21.b3]
20...Ne3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.28 (precise) . Mistake: White=5 Black=2 OK: White=2 Black=5 Best: White=2 Black=3
0-1

77 **A00**
□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2714**
■ **Goryachkina,A.** **2610**
Titled Tue 29th Mar Late blitz (2) 29.3.22
[MH]

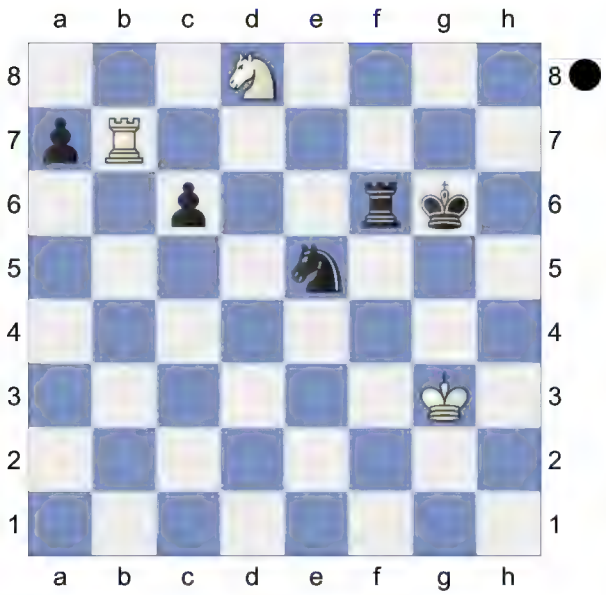
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.b3N**
[4.d4 e4 *(4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3* 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7. ♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005*)* 5.c4 *(5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 Ne7 19.Nd1 Rf8* 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982 *)* 5...Bd6 *(5...h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7* 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)*)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 Boenisch,M olm2 qual GP2 B2 corr 1948]
4...Bd6 5.Bb2 Ne7 6.e3 Nd7 7.d3 Nf8 8.Nd2 Black is better. **8...Nfg6** -0.63/11
[8...a5∓ -1.12/12]
9.Ndf3 -1.44/13
[9.h4∓ -0.63/11]
9...h5 10.gxh5 Rxh5 11.Ne2 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Rxh4 13.Ng3 -1.61/12
[13.Qd2∓ -1.10/10 was worth a try.]
13...Be6 14.Nh5 -2.27/10
[14.Qd2∓ -1.43/8 was called for.]
14...Nf5-+ **15.e4** White is weak on the dark squares **15...dxe4 16.dxe4 Bb4+ 17.c3** -2.41/9
[⌓17.Kf1 -1.89/11 Ne3+ 18.fxe3]



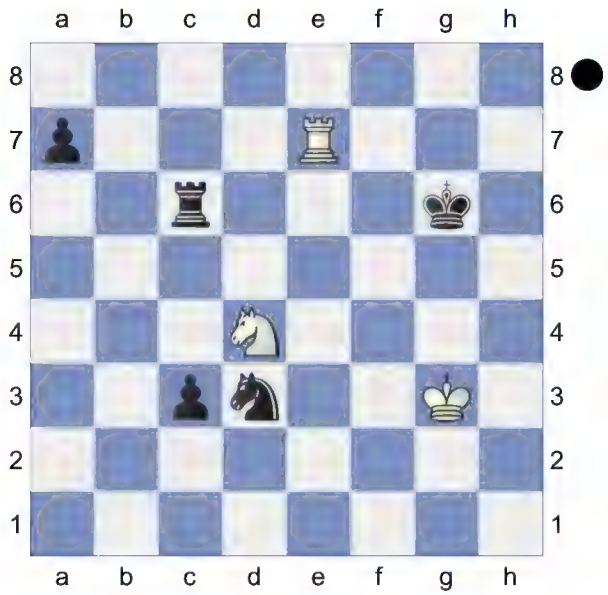
17...Qa5?? 2.88/13 **18.cxb4 Qxb4+ 19.Kf1 Rxe4 20.Bxe4 Qxe4 21.Kg1?** 0.00/7
[21.Rg1+- 2.57/12 aiming for Nf6+! Qh4 22.Ke1 *(22.Bxe5 Ne3+ 23.fxe3 Bxh3+ 24.Rg2 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Qe4+ 26.Qf3 Qxe5+-; 22.Nxg7+ Nxg7 23.Rxg7 Qxh3+ 24.Kg1 Bd5+-)*]
21...Bd5 -0.68/9
[21...Nh4= 0.00/7 22.Nxg7+ Ke7 23.Ba3+ Kf6 24.Nh5+ Kg6]
22.Rh2∓ **Nh4** And now ...Nf3+ would win. **23.Qg4** -0.68/11
[White must play 23.Nxg7+= 0.00/10 Kf8 *(23...Ke7 24.Ba3+ Kd7 25.Qg4+ Qxg4+ 26.hxg4=)* 24.Qg4 *(24.Nh5? Nf3+ 25.Kg2 Ke7-+)* 24...Nf3+ 25.Kg2 Qxg4+ 26.hxg4 Nxh2+ 27.Kxh2 Kxg7 28.Bxe5+ Kg6

29.Kg3]
23...Nf3+ 24.Kh1? -3.23/9
[24.Kg2∓ -1.08/12 Qe2 25.Nxg7+ Kd8 26.Kg3 Qxb2 27.Rd1 Nxh2 28.Qh4+ Kd7 29.Kxh2]
24...Qe2-+ 25.Nxg7+? -4.61/12
[25.Rg2 -1.79/9 Qxb2 26.Rd1]
25...Kd8 26.Rg2 Qxb2 27.Rd1 Qe2 28.Rc1 Nd4 -2.55/10
[28...Qxa2 29.Nf5 Kc7 *(29...Qxb3 30.Qg8+* Skewer *Kc7 31.Qxa8=)* 30.Ne3 Qxb3 *(30...Bxb3? 31.Qxf3 a5 32.Qf5+-)* 31.Qb4±]
[⌓28...Kc7 -4.46/12 29.h4 Qd2 *(29...Qxa2? 30.Qb4-+)*]
29.Qxe2 Nxe2
[29...Bxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Nxe2 31.Re1 Nf4+ 32.Kf3=]
30.Rd1 Nd4? -1.29/12
[30...Nf4 31.Rxd5+ Nxd5 *(31...cxd5? 32.Rg5-+)* 32.f4∓]
[30...Kc7-+ -3.47/12 has better winning chances. Strongly threatening ...Nf4! 31.Nf5 Rh8 *(31...Bxg2+? 32.Kxg2 Nf4+ 33.Kh2-+)*]
31.Kh2? -3.88/8 **Bxg2 32.Kxg2** Endgame. KRN-KRN **32...Ke7 33.Nh5 Rg8+ 34.Ng3 f5 35.Kf1 Ke6 36.Re1 e4 37.h4 Ke5**
[37...Nf3? 38.Rc1-+]
38.h5 Nf3 39.Re3 -4.44/10
[39.Rc1 -3.17/12 might work better.]
39...Rd8 40.Kg2 Rd1 41.Nf1 -5.75/9
[⌓41.Ne2 -3.84/10]
41...Kf4 42.h6 Rd6
[42...Nh4+ 43.Kh3 Rd6 *(43...Rxf1 44.Kxh4 Rxf2 45.h7=)* 44.b4]
43.h7 Rh6 44.Ng3 Rh2+ 45.Kf1 Rxh7 46.Rc3 Rd7 47.Rc5 Kg4 48.Ke2 Against Rd1 **48...Rd2+ 49.Ke3 Rxa2?** -1.20/13
[49...f4+ -#2/14 mates 50.Kxe4 Rd4#]
50.Nxf5 -0.64/12
[50.Rxf5∓ -1.20/13 Rb2 51.Rf4+ Kh3 52.Kxe4]
50...Rb2 -2.07/12
[50...a6∓ -0.64/12]
51.Nh6+ Kh4 -1.34/13
[51...Kh3-+ -1.91/15 52.Kxe4 Rxb3 *(52...Rxf2 53.b4∓; 52...Kg2 53.Rc3∓)*]
52.Kxe4 Nd2+ -1.20/14
[52...Rxf2 53.Ke3 Kg3 54.Nf5+ Kg2 55.Nd6=]
[52...Ng5+-+ -1.69/10 53.Kd3 Rxf2 *(53...Rxb3+ 54.Kc2-+)* 54.Nf5+ Kg4 55.Ne3+ Kh5]
53.Ke3 Nxb3 54.Re5 Nc1 55.Kf3 -5.27/12
[55.Nf5+∓ -1.31/9 Kg5 56.Nd4+ Kf6 57.f4]
55...Rb3+? -1.21/10
[55...Rxf2+-+ -5.27/12 and Black stays clearly on top. 56.Kxf2 Nd3+ 57.Ke2 Nxe5 58.Nf5+ Kg5]
56.Kg2? -3.42/11
[56.Ke4∓ -1.21/10 is the only way for White.]
56...Nd3 57.Re4+ -3.97/11
[⌓57.Rf5 -2.58/7]
57...Kg5 58.Nf7+ Kf5 59.Nd6+ Kf6 60.f4 Nc5? -1.82/9 Prevents f5
[60...a5 -4.56/13 ...b5 is the strong threat. 61.f5 Ne5]
61.Re5? -3.88/14
[61.Ne8+ -1.82/9 Kg6 62.Re7]
61...Rb2+ 62.Kf3 Nd3? -0.08/11
[62...Rd2!-+ -2.39/11 63.Nc4 Rd5 64.Rxd5 cxd5]
63.Ne4+= Kf7 64.Nd6+= -0.08/10 **Kf6 65.Ne4+ Kf7 66.Ng5+?** -2.94/11 **Kg7?** -0.36/12
[66...Kg6-+ -2.94/11 67.Re8 Rb3]
67.Re7+? -2.18/12
[67.Re3∓ -0.36/12 Rb3 68.Kg4]

67...Kf6!-+ 68.Rf7+ Kg6 69.Rd7? -3.71/11
[69.Rf8 -1.65/9]
69...Rf2+? 0.00/15
[Black should try 69...Nc5-+ -3.71/11 70.Rd8 a5 71.Rg8+ Kf6]
70.Kg3? -2.61/11
[70.Ke3= 0.00/15 Rxf4 *(70...Nxf4 71.Kxf2 Kxg5 72.Rxb7=)* 71.Kxd3]
70...Rxf4
[Worse is 70...Nxf4 71.Kxf2 Kxg5 72.Rd4± *(72.Rxb7 Kf5=)*]
71.Ne6 Rf6 72.Nd8 Ne5? -1.55/11
[72...Nc5-+ -4.44/14 73.Rc7 Kf5 *(73...Ne4+ 74.Kg4∓)* 74.Nxb7 Nxb7 75.Rxb7 Ke4]
73.Rxb7 -2.01/10
[73.Re7∓ -1.55/11]



73...c5? -0.07/13
[73...Rd6!-+ -2.01/10 74.Re7 Kf6]
74.Rc7 -0.75/11
[74.Rxa7= -0.07/13 remains equal. c4 75.Re7]
74...c4∓ Hoping for ...a6. **75.Nb7?** -3.06/16
[75.Rxa7∓ -1.15/11 was the only chance. Kf5 76.Rc7]
75...Rc6? -0.18/9
[75...Nc6-+ -3.06/16 76.Nc5 c3]
76.Re7? -6.79/12
[76.Rxc6+= -0.18/9 Nxc6 77.Kf3]
76...Nd3? -0.04/10
[Better is 76...Kf6-+ -6.79/12 77.Re8 c3 78.Rf8+ Ke7 *(78...Kg7? 79.Rf2-+)*]
77.Na5= Rc5 78.Nb7? -3.94/11 **Rc8?** -0.04/11
[Black should play 78...Rg5+-+ -3.94/11 79.Kh4 Nf2 80.Re6+ Kf5]
79.Nd6 Rc6 80.Nb5
[80.Nxc4 simplifies Rxc4 81.Rxa7 Ne5 *(81...Kf5)* 82.Ra8]
80...c3 81.Nd4? -3.55/10
[81.Nxc3!= -0.06/11 and White stays safe. Rxc3 82.Rxa7]



81...c2? -0.04/8
[81...Rc4!-+ -3.55/10 82.Nc2 a5 83.Re6+ Kf7]
82.Nxc2! The position is equal.
82...Rxc2 83.Rxa7 KRN-KR **83...Ne5 84.Ra6+ Rc6 85.Ra5 Nf7 86.Kf4 Rf6+ 87.Kg4 Re6 88.Ra3 Kf6 89.Kf4 Ke7 90.Kf5 Re5+ 91.Kf4 Re6 92.Ra7+ Kf6 93.Ra5 Nd6 94.Rh5 Re4+ 95.Kf3 Re5**

96.Rh6+ Ke7 97.Kf4 Re6 98.Rxe6+ Kxe6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=0.63. Loses game: White=11
--- Missed win: White=1
Black=12 Mistake: White=13
Black=6 Inaccurate: White=3
Black=1 OK: White=17
Black=24 Best: White=5
Black=8 Strong: White=1
Black=1
½-½

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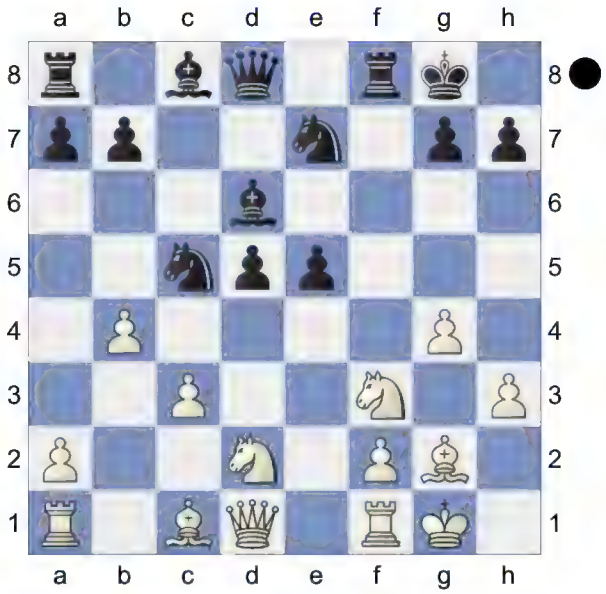
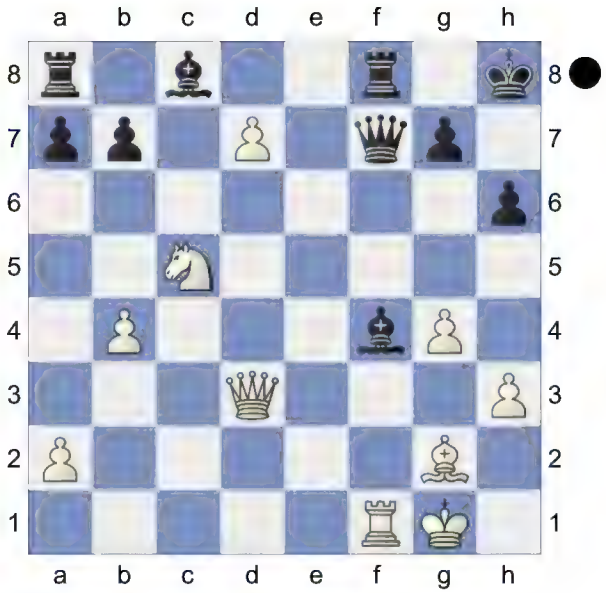
□ **efourwhitewins** **2707**
■ **BadApp_le** **2577**
Blitz 10.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.c3N
[4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.Nc3 *(6.g5 Bd6 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.f3 Bg3+ 9.Kf1 exf3 10.Nxf3 Bf5 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Bf2 Bd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Bxe4 0-0-0 16.Kg2 Bf4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Nde4 Ne5 19.b3 Ng6 20.d5 Ngh4+* 0-1 (26) Van Foreest,L (2544)-Sarana,A (2657) Titled Tuesday 20. Oct 2020 (4)*)* 6...hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)]
[4.d3 Bd6 5.Nd2 h5 6.gxh5 Nf6 7.h6 Rxh6 8.e4 Be6 9.Ndf3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Rh8 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.h4 Nbd7 14.Bg5 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Qe7 16.Ne2 Kb8 17.Ng3 Nc5 18.Qf3 Ne6 1-0 (42) Nakamura, H (2768)-Bok,B (2618) Titled Tue 18th Oct Late blitz 2022 (5)]
[4.b3 Bd6 5.Bb2 Ne7 6.e3 Nd7 7.d3 Nf8 8.Nd2 Nfg6 9.Ndf3 h5 10.gxh5 Rxh5 11.Ne2 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Rxh4 13.Ng3 Be6 14.Nh5 Nf5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Bb4+ 17.c3 Qa5 18.cxb4 Qxb4+ ½-½ (98) Van Foreest,J (2714)-Goryachkina,A (2610) Titled Tue 29th Mar Late blitz 2022 (2)]
4...Bd6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nd2 f5 -0.56/23
[6...Ng6∓ -1.26/21 7.e4 Bc7]
7.e4∓ fxe4 8.dxe4 Black is slightly better. **8...Na6 9.Ngf3** -1.32/23
[9.Ne2∓ -0.47/21]
9...Nc5 10.0-0 0-0 -0.98/22
[10...Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ng5±]
[Black should try 10...h5 -1.49/24 11.Nh2 Be6]
11.exd5 -1.54/25
[⌓11.Nh4 -0.98/22]
11...cxd5∓ 12.b4? -3.07/22
[12.c4∓ -1.43/23 e4 13.Nd4]



12...Nd3 -1.65/22
[⌓12...Ne6! -3.07/22 and ...Ng6 would now be decisive 13.Nb3 a5]

13.c4-+ e4 Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive.
[13...Nxb4 14.cxd5 Nbxd5 15.a4=]
This costs White the game. **14.Nd4** -5.29/24
[14.Ne1∓ -1.36/22 Be5 *(14...Nxb4 15.cxd5 Nbxd5 16.Nxe4±; 14...Bxb4 15.Nxd3 exd3 16.cxd5±)* 15.Nxd3 Bxa1 16.Nc5]
14...Be5
[14...Nxb4 15.cxd5 Nbxd5 16.Nxe4± *(16.Bxe4 Nf4∓)*]
15.cxd5 Bxd4 -2.61/20
[15...Nxd5 16.Nxe4 N5f4 *(16...Bxd4 17.Bg5=; 16...N5xb4 17.Qb3+ Kh8 18.Ba3∓)* 17.Nf3 Bxa1 18.Bxf4 Nxf4 *(18...Rxf4 19.Nc5∓)* 19.Qxa1-+]
[⌓15...Rxf2 -5.66/22 16.Nxe4 Rxf1+ *(16...Bxd4 17.Nxf2 Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2±)* 17.Kxf1 Bxd4]
16.Nxe4 Bxa1 17.Qxd3 Be5
[17...Qxd5? 18.Nf6+ Bxf6 19.Bxd5+ Nxd5 20.Qxd5+ Kh8 21.g5+-]
[17...Nxd5 18.Bg5 Qb6 19.Qxd5+ Be6 20.Qd2±]
18.Bg5? -3.93/22
[18.f4 -2.06/17 Bd6 *(18...Qxd5? 19.Nf6+* Discovered Attack *Bxf6 20.Bxd5+ Nxd5 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.Re1+-)* 19.Kh1]
18...h6
[18...Qxd5? 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Bxd5+ Kg7 21.Re1+-]
19.Bxe7 -5.57/20
[19.f4 -3.32/18 was called for. hxg5 *(19...Qxd5? 20.Nf6+ Bxf6 21.Bxd5+ Nxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh7 23.Re1+-)* 20.fxe5]
19...Qxe7 20.d6 Qf7 21.f4 Bxf4 22.Nc5 Prevents Be6 **22...Kh8**
[22...Qxa2? 23.Bd5++- *(23.Bxb7? Qh2#)*]
23.d7

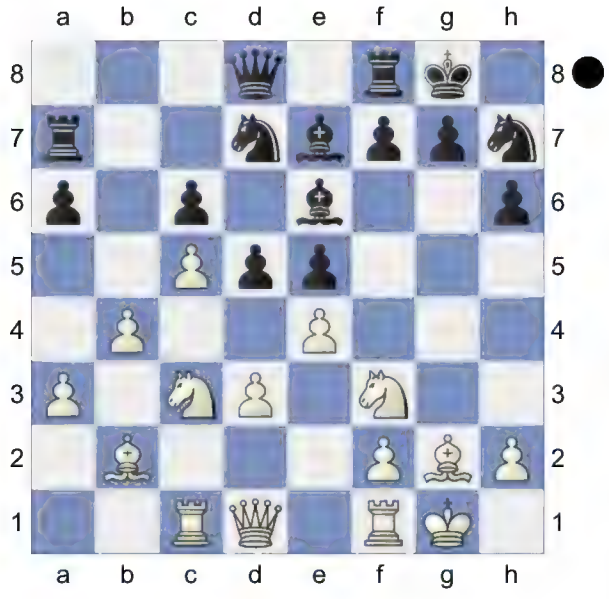


Bxd7 24.Qxd7 Be3+ 25.Kh2 Qxd7 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Nxd7 Endgame KRB-KBN **27...Rd8 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.bxc5** KR-KB **29...Rc8 30.Bxb7 Rxc5 31.Kg3 Ra5 32.Kh4 Rxa2 33.Bd5 Ra3** (-> ...g5+) **34.Kh5 Rxh3+** -9.96/5
[⌓34...Ra5 -#17/29 35.g5 Rxd5 36.Kg4 Rxg5+ *(36...hxg5? 37.h4-+)* 37.Kf4 a5 38.h4 Rc5 39.Ke4 a4 40.Ke3 a3 41.Ke4 a2 42.Kd4 Rc7 *(42...a1B+? 43.Kxc5 Kg8 44.Kd5-+)* 43.Ke5 a1Q+ *(43...a1B+? 44.Kf4-+)* 44.Kf4 Qd4+ Skewer 45.Kf3 Rf7+ *(45...Qxh4* gets mated. *46.Ke2 Qe4+ 47.Kf2 Rc2+ 48.Kg3 Rg2+ 49.Kh3 Qg4#)* 46.Kg2 Rf2+ *(46...Qxh4? 47.Kg1 Qg3+ 48.Kh1 Rf1#)* 47.Kg1 Re2+ 48.Kh1 Qd1#]
35.Kg6 Rg3 36.Be6 a5 37.Kf7 a4 (-> ...Rf3+) **38.Kg6 a3 39.Kh5 Rf3** (-> ...Rf6) **40.Bd5 Rf4** (-> ...Kh7) **41.Ba2 Rf2** Black mates. **42.Be6 a2 43.g5 a1Q 44.Kg6 hxg5 45.Bg8 Qf6+ 46.Kh5 Qh6+ 47.Kg4 Rf4+ 48.Kg3 Qh4+ 49.Kg2 Rf2+ 50.Kg1**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.15/ Black=0.73

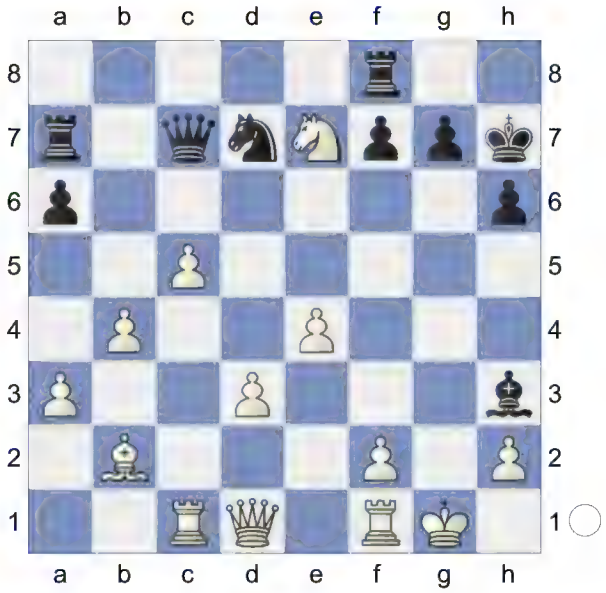
50...Qh2#
0-1

79 **A00**
□ **to_weak_to_slow04** **2706**
■ **Koblizek** **2648**
Blitz 15.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 a6 2.Bg2 h6 3.b4 d6 4.Bb2 Bxg4 5.Bxb7 Ra7 6.Bg2 c6 7.c4 e5 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Nf6 9.Nf3** -0.63/17
[9.d4= -0.20/18]
9...Be7∓ 10.a3 -0.75/19
[10.0-0∓ -0.32/18 deserves consideration.]
10...0-0 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.d3 Be6 13.Rc1 d5 14.c5 -1.45/19
[14.d4∓ -0.50/18 e4 *(14...dxc4 15.dxe5 Ng4 16.Nd4=)* 15.Ne5]
14...Nh7 -0.61/19
[Black should play 14...Qb8∓ -1.45/19 Strongly threatening ...d4. 15.e3 e4 16.dxe4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4]
15.e4



and exd5 should not be overlooked
15...d4 16.Ne2 Ng5 17.Nfxd4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Loses the game. **18...Nh3+?** 4.50/25
[18...Nb8!= -0.29/21]
19.Bxh3+-
[Weaker is 19.Kh1 Bxc5 20.Bxh3 *(20.bxc5 Qh4+-; 20.Nxe6 Nxf2+ 21.Rxf2 fxe6+-)* 20...Bxd4 *(20...Bxh3 21.Rg1±)* 21.Bxd4 c5 22.Bxe6 *(22.bxc5 Bxh3 23.Rg1 Nf6∓)* 22...cxd4±]
19...Bxh3 20.Nxc6 White is clearly winning. **20...Qc7** 7.49/20
[⌓20...Qe8 4.44/19 21.Nxa7 Bxf1]
21.Nxe7+ Kh7



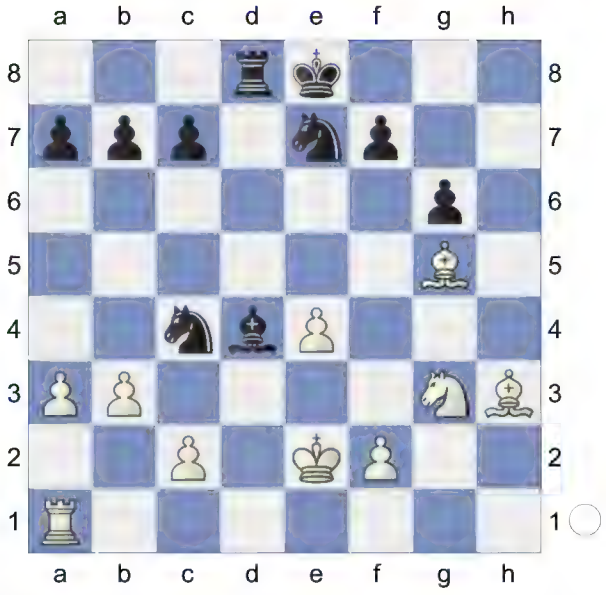
22.Qf3! Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Ne5 24.Qf5+ Ng6 25.Nd5 4.52/21
[⌓25.Nxg6 12.71/23 Rd8 26.Nf4+ *(26.Ne7+ Kh8+-)* 26...Kg8 27.Rd1 *(27.Qg4 f5+-)*]
25...Qd8 7.67/19
[⌓25...Qc6 4.52/21 26.Nf4 Kg8]
26.f4 Kg8 27.Qg4 Qh4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=1.25
28.Qg2
1-0

80 **A00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2702**
■ **Bethke,Richard** **2382**
Titled Tue 13th Jun Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**
[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4. 3)]
1...d5 2.e3 e5 3.Bg2N
[3.h3 Nc6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 Bxe5 8.Bg2 c6 9.Nd2 h6 10.c4 0-0 11.Nf3 Bc7 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.0-0 f5 14.gxf5 Bxf5 15.Nd4 Qd6 16.f4 Rae8 17.Nxf5 Rxf5 1-0 9.h5 ♗h7 10.♗d3 ♗d3-Belmonte,D EU/M/GT/024 corr ICCF 1966]
3...Nc6 4.h3 Bc5 5.Ne2 Nge7 -0.40/20
[5...h5∓ -0.89/22 6.gxh5 Nf6 *(6...Rxh5 7.d4∓)*]
6.d4∓ Bb6 7.Nbc3 h5 8.gxh5
Black is slightly better. **8...Rxh5 9.Ng3 Rh4 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxd5**

(Diagram)

Bxh3 0.75/22 **12.Rxh3± Rxh3 13.Bxh3** 0.22/21
[Better is 13.Nf6+!± 0.70/25 gxf6 14.Bxh3]
13...Qxd5= 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.Ke2 Rd8 16.a3 g6 17.e4 Ne7 18.Bg5 Nc4 19.b3 Bd4 1.38/27
[19...f6!= 0.00/26]



20.c3!↑ White is in control. **20...Bxc3 21.Rc1 Nxa3?** 3.48/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[21...Bd2± 1.33/19 is a better

defense. 22.Bxe7 *(22.Rxc4 Bxg5 23.Rxc7 a5=)* 22...Bxc1 23.Bxd8 Kxd8]

22.Rxc3+- Nb5 23.Rd3 Nd4+ 24.Kf1 c5 25.Ne2 b5 5.11/21

[⌓25...Nb5 3.31/22 26.Re3 Kf8]

26.Nxd4 cxd4 27.Bf6 a5 28.Ke2

[28.Bxd4 Nc6 29.f3 *(29.b4? axb4 30.Rd2 Rxd4-+)* 29...Nxd4∓ *(29...Rxd4 30.Rc3∓)*]

28...a4 29.bxa4

[29.Bxd4 f5 30.exf5 Nxf5+-]

29...bxa4 30.Ra3 d3+ 31.Kd2 Rd6 32.Be5

[Stronger than 32.Rxd3 Rxf6 33.Bd7+ Kf8=]

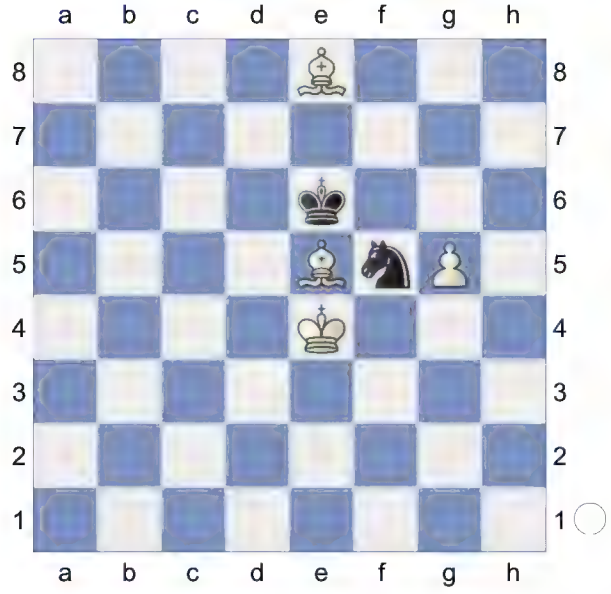
32...Ra6 33.Kxd3

[Don't take 33.Rxd3 a3 34.Bd7+ Kf8]

33...f5 34.f4 fxe4+ 6.41/21

[⌓34...Ra5 4.35/19 35.Bc3 Ra8]

35.Kxe4 Kf7 36.Bf1 Ra8 37.Bb5 Nc8 38.Rxa4 Rxa4+ 39.Bxa4 Nb6 40.Bb5 Nc8 41.Bc7 Ke6 Inhibits Bb5-d7+. **42.Be8 Ne7 43.Be5 g5 44.fxg5** White mates. **44...Nf5**



45.Bd7+! Kxd7 46.Kxf5 Ke7 47.Kg6 Kf8 48.Kh7 Kf7 49.g6+ Ke6 50.g7 12.65/24 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.59. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=1 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2 OK: White=14 Black=9 Best: White=1 Black=1 Strong: White=1 ---

[⌓50.Bb2 #10/19 Kf5 51.g7 Kg4 52.g8Q+ *(52.g8R+ Kf5 53.Re8 Kf4 54.Kg6 Kg3 55.Kf5 Kg2 56.Ke4 Kf2 57.Bd4+ Kg3)* 52...Kf3 53.Qb3+ Kg2 54.Qe3 Kf1 55.Qf3+ Kg1 56.Qe2 Kh1 57.Qf1+ Kh2 58.Be5#]

1-0

81 **A00**

□ **ExhaustedWarrior44** **2695**

■ **boyblack90** **2562**

Blitz 25.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 e6 4.Qb3 c6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.d4N

[7.Nc3 Ne7 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Rb6 10.Qd3 Ng6 11.h3 Be6 12.Nf3 Bd6 Gomez Vasquez,L-Markus,R Chapter 10 Part 2]

7...Rb8 8.Qa6 Black is clearly better.

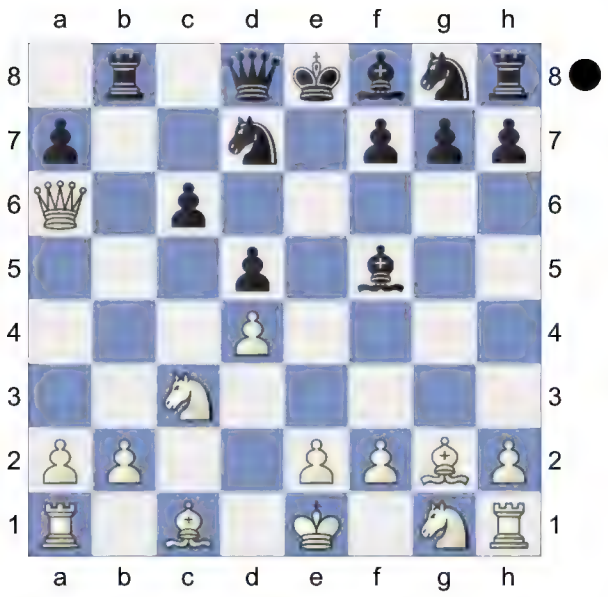
[8.Qxc6? Rc8-+]

8...Bf5 -1.21/20

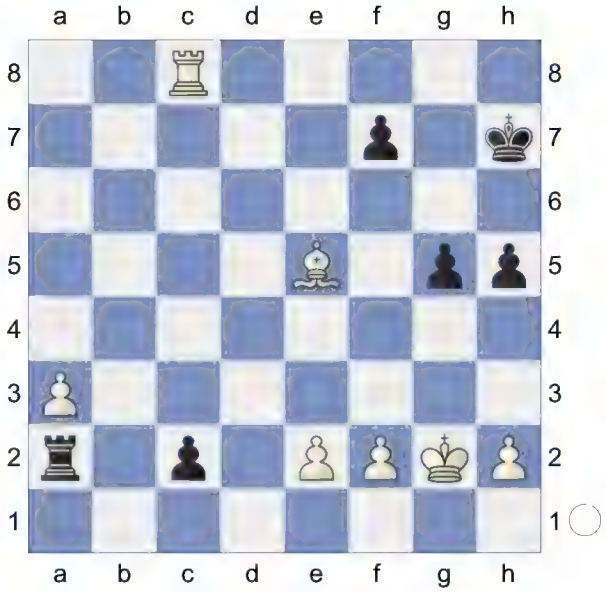
[8...Rb6-+ -2.06/18 9.Qa4 Ngf6]

9.Nc3

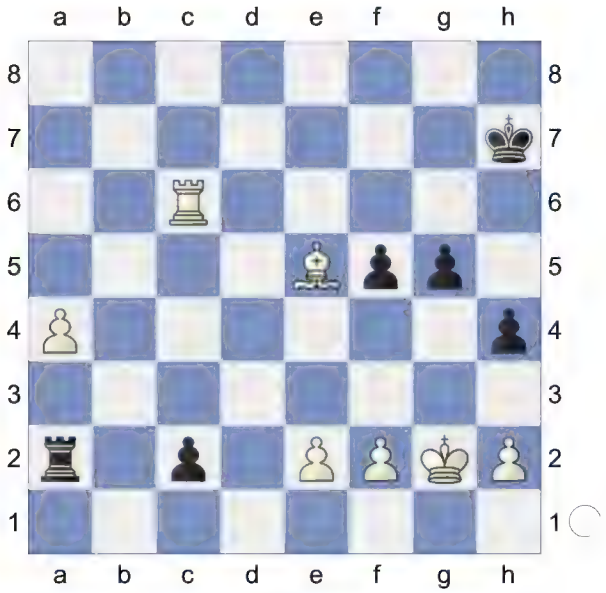
(Diagram)



Qb6 -0.10/19
[9...Rb6!∓ -1.22/19 10.Qxa7 Bd6]
10.Qxb6= axb6 11.Nf3 Ngf6 12.0-0 Bb4 13.Bf4 Ra8 14.Rfc1 0-0 15.a3 Bxc3 0.69/22
[15...Be7!= 0.03/21]
16.Rxc3± c5 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Bd6 -0.07/23
[18.Rcc1± 0.93/20]
18...Rfc8 0.43/22
[18...Ne4= -0.07/23 19.Rd3 *(19.Bxf8 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Kxf8=)* 19...Nxd6 20.Rxd5 Ra6]
19.Ne5 Ra6 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.Bg3 This pair of bishops is nice. **21...d4 22.Rcc1** and Bb7 would now be decisive A mistake that costs the game. **22...c4?** 5.51/21
[Black should try 22...Re6± 0.58/20]
23.Bb7!+- Rac6 24.Bxc6
[24.Rd1 c3 25.bxc3 *(25.Rxd4? cxb2-+)* 25...dxc3+-]
24...Rxc6 25.Rd1 Rb6? 6.30/23
[25...c3 3.32/20]
26.Rxd4 Rxb2 27.Rad1 c3 28.Rxd7 Bxd7 29.Rxd7 Endgame KRB-KR **29...h5 30.Rc7 c2** and ...Rb1+ would now be decisive **31.Kg2 g5 32.Rc8+ Kh7 33.Be5 Ra2**



34.a4! f5
[34...Kg6 35.a5]
35.Rc6 h4

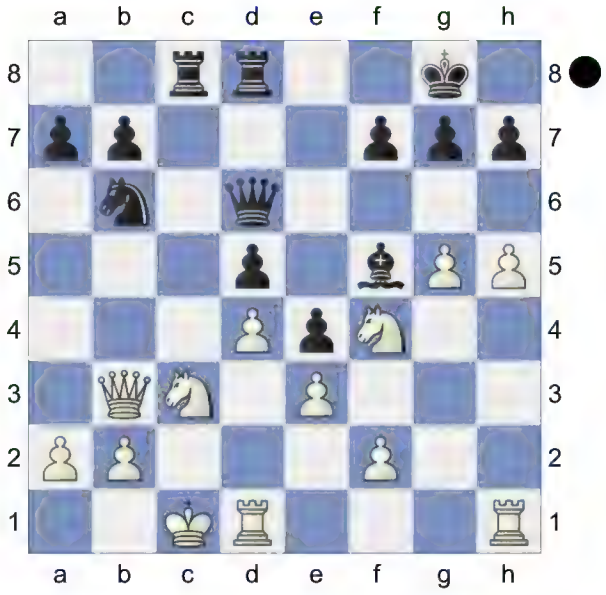


36.a5! Rxa5 37.Bf6 Ra6 38.Rc7+
[38.Rxa6? c1Q *(38...c1B?* is the wrong capture. *39.e3+-)* 39.h3 Qd2-+]
38...Kg6 39.Bb2 Rb6 40.Rxc2 Kh5 41.h3 g4 42.Be5 Kg5 43.Rc8 Rg6 44.Rf8 gxh3+ 45.Kxh3 Re6 46.f4+ Kg6 47.Kxh4 White mates. **47...Kh6 48.Rf6+ Rxf6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.68
49.Bxf6
1-0

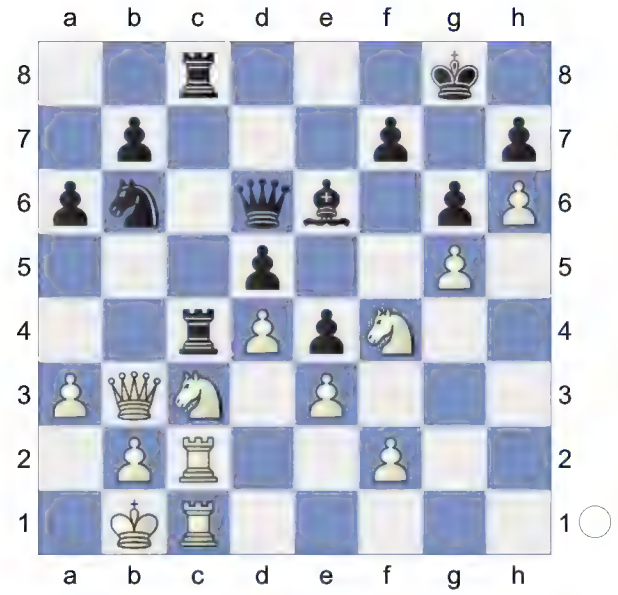
82 **A00**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**
■ **Bindrich,Falko** **2584**
Titled Tue 23rd Jan Early blitz (4)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5**
[3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)]
3...e5 4.d4N
[4.h4
A) 4...Bd6 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 0-0 *(6...Be6 7.Nd2 Qc7 8.Bh3 Bxh3 9.Nxh3 Nd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Qg4 Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.exd5 cxd5 14.b4 Ne6 15.c4 Nd4 16.Ra2 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.0-0 Ne2+ ½-½ Juhasz,B-5.a4 ♗g4 6.♘e5 ♗h5_4140 101/(136) Sora 2007 (1))* 7.Nc3 d4 8.Nce2 f5 9.gxf6 Rxf6 10.h5 Qf8 11.f3 a5 12.Bg5 Rf7 13.a3 b5 14.Ng3 h6 15.Bd2 c5 Grob,H-David,K FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1964;
B) 4...f5 5.d4 e4 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.h5 Be6 9.c3 Qc7 10.e3 Nd7 11.Nd2 c5 12.Rc1 b5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nf4 c4 15.a3 a5 16.Nf1 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Ng3 Nb6 ½-½ Schafer,H-6.Bf4 0-0; 7.Qd2 d5!?; (ol) 17/255 Nice 1974]
4...Nd7 5.h4 Bd6 6.c4 Ne7 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Nc3 Black is slightly better.
8...e4 9.Nh3 -1.19/21
[White should try 9.f3∓ -0.62/21]
9...0-0 10.Bf4 Nb6 And now ...Bxh3 would win. **11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ng6 13.h5 Nh4 14.Nf4 Nxg2+ 15.Nxg2 Bf5** -0.08/20
[15...Qd8∓ -0.81/22]
16.Nf4= Rac8 17.Qb3 Rfd8 18.0-0-0 -0.96/22
[18.a4= 0.17/23 keeps the balance.]

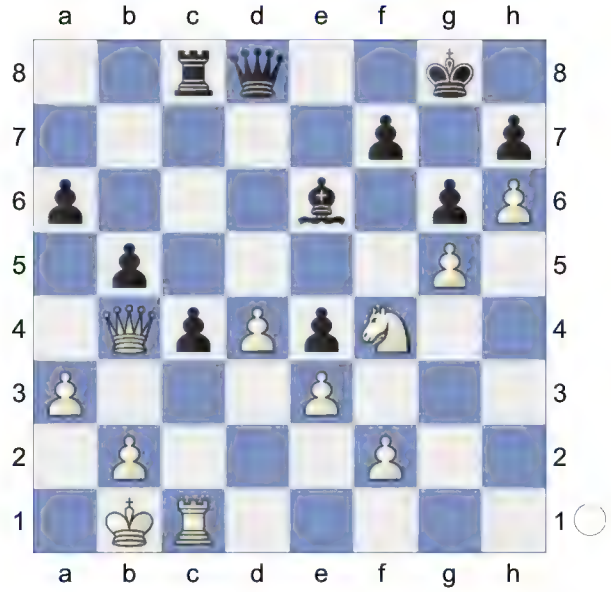


18...Nc4 -0.27/19
[Better is 18...Rc4!∓ -0.96/22 Strongly threatening ...Rdc8. 19.Rd2 Rdc8]
19.Kb1
[19.Nfxd5? Na5 20.Qc2 Qxd5 21.Nxd5 Rxc2+ *(21...Rxd5 22.Qxc8+ Bxc8 23.Rh4∓)* 22.Kxc2 Rxd5-+]
[19.Qxb7? Rb8-+]
19...Nb6? 1.65/21
[19...Bg4= -0.21/21]

20.Rc1 1.08/21
[20.h6+- 1.65/21]
20...Rc4 1.97/20
[20...Rc6± 1.08/21]
21.h6 g6? 4.13/22
[21...Rc6 1.74/18 22.Ka1 Bg6]
22.a3? 1.55/20
[22.Nfxd5+- 4.13/22 and the rest is easy. Hoping for Nf6+. Be6 23.Nf6+ *(23.Nxe4 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Bxd5±)* 23...Kh8 24.Rhd1 *(24.Ncxe4 Qc6+-; 24.Nfxe4 Qe7+-)*]
22...a6? 4.20/24
[22...Rc6± 1.55/20 might work better.]
23.Rc2? 1.43/25
[23.Nfxd5!+- 4.20/24 Rc6 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.Nxh7+ Kg8 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.Qxf7]
23...Be6± 24.Rhc1 Black must now prevent Nxe6. White is more active.
24...Rdc8 2.48/30
[24...Rc6± 1.57/24 was worth a try. 25.Ka2 Qe7]



25.Na4? 0.65/27 **Nxa4** 1.81/24
[25...Rxc2± 0.65/27 26.Rxc2 Rxc2 27.Qxc2 *(27.Kxc2 Nxa4 28.Nxe6 Qxe6=)* 27...Nxa4 28.Nxe6 *(28.Qxa4 Bd7=)* 28...Qxe6 29.Qxa4 f6]
26.Rxc4!+-
[26.Qxb7? Qb6 27.Qxb6 Nxb6-+]
26...dxc4 27.Qxa4 b5 2.12/25
[⌓27...f6 1.76/21 28.Nxe6 *(28.gxf6 Kf7±)* 28...Qxe6]
28.Qb4 Qd8 3.70/23
[28...Qxb4 2.00/21 29.axb4 Kf8]



29.d5! Black is weak on the dark squares **29...Bf5**
[29...Bg4 30.d6]
30.Qc3 f6 31.Rd1
[31.Qxf6 Qxf6 32.gxf6 Kf7=]
[31.gxf6 Kf7±]
31...Qd6 32.Ne6
[32.gxf6 Kf7±]
[32.Qxf6 Qxf6 33.gxf6 Kf7=]
32...Bxe6 5.82/20
[⌓32...Qe5 3.82/21 33.gxf6 Qxc3 34.bxc3 Kf7 35.Ng5+ Kxf6 36.Nxh7+ Ke5]
33.Qxf6 Pin, Double Attack. White is clearly winning. **33...Qd7** Against Qg7+. ...Bg4 is the strong threat. **34.Qxe6+**
[Stronger than 34.dxe6 Qxd1+ 35.Ka2 Qb3+ *(35...Rc7 36.e7=)*

36.Ka1 Qd1+ 37.Ka2 Qb3+ *(37...Rc7 38.e7=)* 38.Ka1 Qd1+ 39.Ka2=]

34...Qxe6 35.dxe6 Endgame. KR-KR **35...Re8 36.Rd6 Kf8 37.Rxa6 Ke7 38.Rb6 Rf8 39.Rxb5 Rxf2 40.Rb7+ Kxe6 41.Rxh7 Rg2 42.Rg7 Rxg5 43.h7 Rh5 44.Rxg6+ Kf7 45.Rc6 Kg7 46.Rxc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.71. Loses game: --- Black=2 Missed win: White=3 --- Mistake: White=3 Black=9 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=10 Black=11 Best: White=4 --- Strong: White=1 --- Brilliant: White=1 ---

1-0

83 **A00**

□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**

■ **Puranik,A.** **2645**

Titled Tue 23rd Jan Early blitz (8)

[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5**

[3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)]

3...e5 4.d4N

[4.h4

A) 4...Bd6 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 0-0 *(6...Be6 7.Nd2 Qc7 8.Bh3 Bxh3 9.Nxh3 Nd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Qg4 Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.exd5 cxd5 14.b4 Ne6 15.c4 Nd4 16.Ra2 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.0-0 Ne2+ ½-½ Juhasz,B-5.a4 ♗g4 6.♘e5 ♗h5_4140 101/(136) Sora 2007 (1))* 7.Nc3 d4 8.Nce2 f5 9.gxf6 Rxf6 10.h5 Qf8 11.f3 a5 12.Bg5 Rf7 13.a3 b5 14.Ng3 h6 15.Bd2 c5 Grob,H-David,K FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1964;

B) 4...f5 5.d4 e4 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.h5 Be6 9.c3 Qc7 10.e3 Nd7 11.Nd2 c5 12.Rc1 b5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nf4 c4 15.a3 a5 16.Nf1 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Ng3 Nb6 ½-½ Schafer,H-6.Bf4 0-0; 7.Qd2 d5!?; (ol) 17/255 Nice 1974]

4...Nd7 5.h4 Bd6 6.c4 dxc4 7.d5 -1.28/22

[7.Nd2∓ -0.42/23]

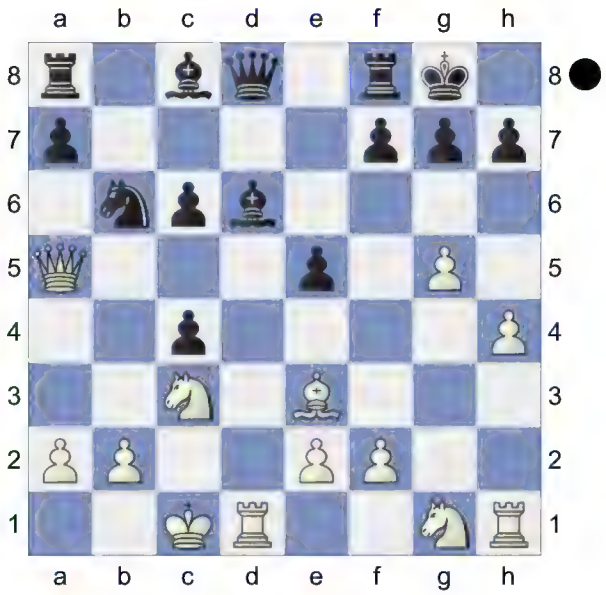
7...cxd5!∓ 8.Qxd5 Black is better.

8...Nb6 9.Qa5 Ne7 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Be3 0-0 -0.60/21

[Better is 12...Nd5!∓ -1.16/22 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8]

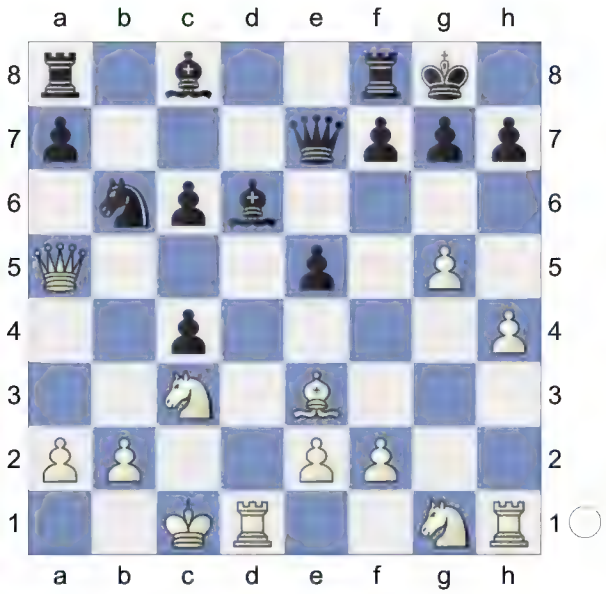
13.0-0-0 -1.70/25

[13.Bc5∓ -0.60/21]



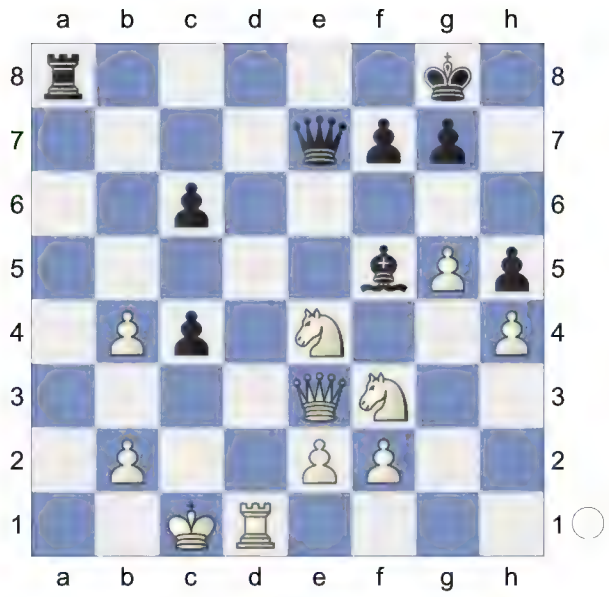
13...Qe7?? 1.78/22

[13...Nd5!-+ -1.70/25 avoids the disaster. 14.Qxd8 Rxd8]



14.Rxd6!+- Qxd6 15.Bxb6 Remove Defender **15...axb6 16.Qxa8** Nf3 is the strong threat. **16...b5 17.Nf3** Hoping for Rd1. **17...e4** 3.76/23
[⌓17...b4 2.33/19]
18.Nxe4 Qf4+ 19.Ned2 Bf5 20.Qa3
[Don't take 20.Qxc6 c3 21.bxc3 *(21.Qxc3 Rc8∓)* 21...Qa4+-]
20...Rd8 21.Rd1 h5 22.Qe3 Qc7 23.Ne4 Ra8 24.a3 Threatens to win with Nf6+! **24...b4 25.axb4 Qe7** 5.71/21
[⌓25...Qb8 4.01/21 26.Ng3 Qxb4]

(Diagram)



26.Nf6+! White is clearly winning. **26...Kf8 27.Qxe7+ Kxe7 28.Nxh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.68. Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=2 Black=3 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=9 Black=2 Best: White=2 Black=1 Strong: --- Black=1 Brilliant: White=1 ---
1-0

84 **A00**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**
■ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
Titled Tue 23rd Jan Early blitz (10)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5**
[3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023

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3...e5 4.d4N

[4.h4

A) 4...Bd6 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 0-0 *(6...Be6 7.Nd2 Qc7 8.Bh3 Bxh3 9.Nxh3 Nd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Qg4 Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.exd5 cxd5 14.b4 Ne6 15.c4 Nd4 16.Ra2 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.0-0 Ne2+ ½-½ Juhasz,B-5.a4 ♗g4 6. ♘e5 ♗h5_4140 101/(136) Sora 2007 (1))* 7.Nc3 d4 8.Nce2 f5 9.gxf6 Rxf6 10.h5 Qf8 11.f3 a5 12.Bg5 Rf7 13.a3 b5 14.Ng3 h6 15.Bd2 c5 Grob,H-David,K FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1964;

B) 4...f5 5.d4 e4 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.h5 Be6 9.c3 Qc7 10.e3 Nd7 11.Nd2 c5 12.Rc1 b5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nf4 c4 15.a3 a5 16.Nf1 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Ng3 Nb6 ½-½ Schafer,H-6.Bf4 0-0; 7.Qd2 d5!?; (ol) 17/255 Nice 1974]

4...Nd7 5.h4 Bd6 6.c4 e4 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.Qb3 Black is slightly better. **8...0-0** 0.34/20

[8...f5∓ -0.85/23 aiming for ...dxc4. 9.gxf6 Nxf6]

9.cxd5± cxd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Bb4+ 1.44/23

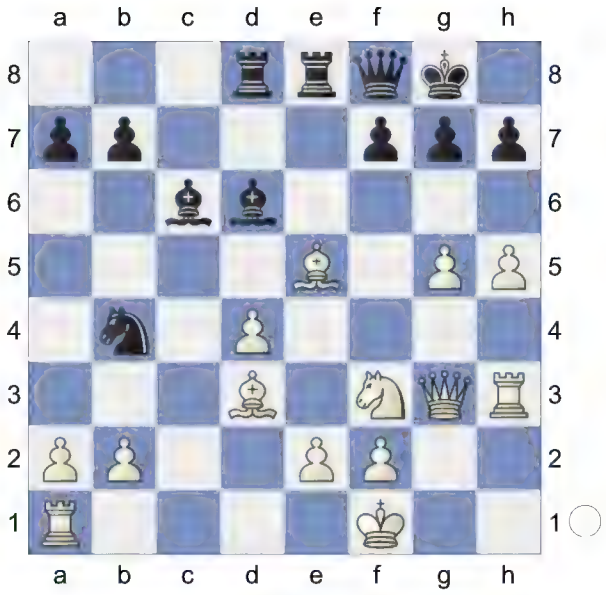
[11...Nf6!= 0.30/22 12.Qb3 Be6]

12.Kf1± Re8 2.07/23

[12...Nb6± 1.43/23 13.Qxd8 *(13.Qxe4 Be6±)* 13...Rxd8]

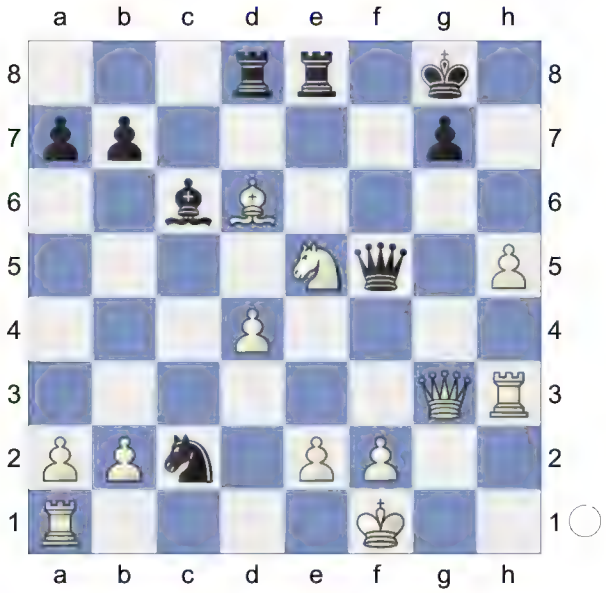
13.Bxe4+- Qc7 14.Bd3 Nb6 15.Qb5 Qe7 16.Nf3 Bd7 17.Qe5 Qf8 18.Qg3 Bc6 19.Rh3 Rad8 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Be5 Bd6 22.h5 Nb4

(Diagram)



23.Bxh7+ Decoy **23...Kxh7 24.g6+ Kg8 25.gxf7+ Qxf7 26.Bxd6 Nc2** ...Bxf3! would now be deadly. **27.Ne5 Qf5** 6.18/22

[27...Qf6 3.22/19]



28.h6! g5

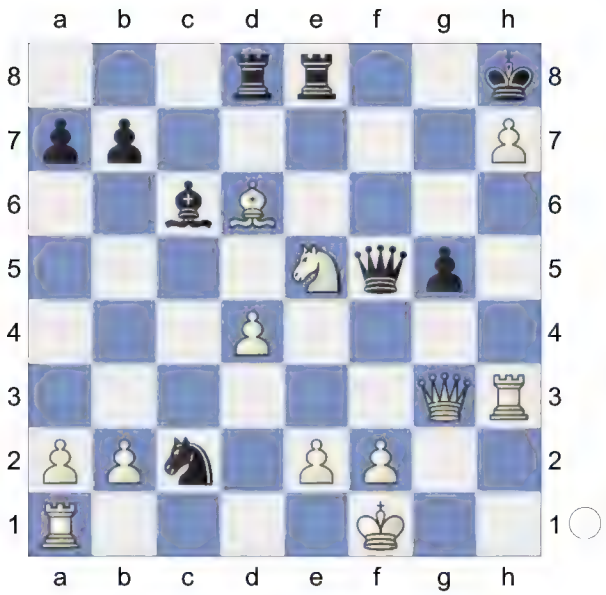
[28...g6 29.Nxg6]

29.h7+ 3.79/20

[⌓29.Rh5 9.34/22 Kh8 30.Rxg5]

29...Kh8

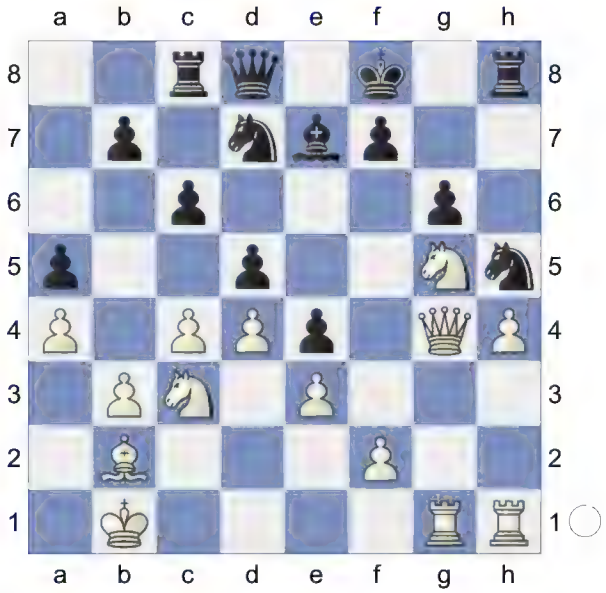
(Diagram)



30.Rh6 0.36/21 **Rxd6??** 4.31/27
[Better is 30...Nxa1± 0.36/21 31.Nxc6 Rxd6 32.Qxd6 bxc6]
31.Rxd6 Nxa1 32.Rg6?? -#1/21
[32.Nxc6 bxc6 33.e3 *(33.Rxc6 Nc2=)* 33...Nc2-+]
[32.f3+- 2.22/23 Bb5 *(32...Nc2? 33.Qh2+-)* 33.Rh6 Bxe2+ 34.Kxe2]
32...Qb1# Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.67. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: --- Black=4 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=3 OK: White=10 Black=7 Best: White=4 Black=2
0-1

85 **A00**
□ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2687**
■ **Maksimovic,Bojan** **2416**
Titled Tuesday 30th Mar blitz (6) 30.3.21
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 g6 2.h4 h5 3.gxh5 Rxh5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Be2 Rh8 6.b3** -0.78/21
[6.Nf3= -0.18/18]
6...e5 -0.40/20
[6...d5∓ -0.78/21]
7.Bb2 d6 8.d4 Black is slightly better.
8...Nbd7 0.00/19
[Black should play 8...Qe7∓ -0.51/19]
9.Nf3 e4 10.Ng5 d5 11.c4 c6 12.Nc3 Nb6 13.Qc2 Bf5 14.0-0-0 a5 15.a4 Be7 16.Kb1 Rc8 0.42/18
[16...Ng4∓ -0.39/19 17.Rdf1 Nxf2 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Rxf2 Rxh4]
17.Rdg1± Kf8 0.65/20
[17...Nh5= 0.26/18]
18.Qd1! Nh5 19.Bg4 -0.01/20
[19.Ka2± 0.66/20]
19...Bxg4 0.93/20
[19...Qd7= -0.01/20]
20.Qxg4± Hoping for Nxf7! **20...Nd7** 1.59/24
[20...Qe8± 0.56/19]



21.Nxf7! Discovered Attack, Remove Defender, Decoy **21...Kxf7 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.cxd5 Ndf6 24.dxc6** White is much more active.
[24.Nxe4 Qxd5 25.Ng5 Qxb3±]
24...Rxc6 1.90/21
[24...bxc6± 1.26/19 25.Ka2

(25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.Qxe4 Qd5±) 25...Rg8]

25.Rg5!+-
[25.Nxe4 Rg8 26.Qh6+ Kf7=]
[25.d5 Nxd5 26.Qf5+ *(26.Qxe4? Nxc3+ 27.Bxc3 Rxc3-+)* 26...Ndf6=]
25...Qe8 26.Qf5
[26.Nxe4? Qxg6 27.Rxg6 Nxe4-+]
26...Qc8 27.Nxe4
[27.Qxa5 b6 28.Qb5 Rxc3 29.Bxc3 Qxc3∓]
27...Qxf5 28.Rxf5 And now d5! would win. **28...Ng7** 3.16/24
[⌓28...Rb6 2.19/19 29.d5 Rxb3]
29.Rf3 1.74/22
[29.Rxa5 Nxe4 30.Ra8+ Ne8∓]
[⌓29.d5 3.16/24 Nxf5 30.dxc6]
29...Kg8 30.Nd2 e4 would now be deadly. **30...Nd5?** 3.88/22 A mistake that costs the game.
[30...Rh5± 1.44/20 was worth a try. 31.Rg1 Rc7]
31.e4 Nb4 32.d5 2.07/20
[⌓32.Rg1 3.68/20 Threatens to win with d5. Rc7 33.d5]
32...Rg6 33.Rg3
[Don't take 33.Nc4?! Rxh4 34.Rxh4 Rg1+ 35.Bc1 Bxh4±]
33...Rxg3 34.fxg3 aiming for Rc1.
34...Nh5? 5.98/18
[34...Rh6 1.82/18 is a better chance. 35.Nc4 Nh5 36.Nxa5 Nf6]
35.Bxh8 Kxh8 36.g4 Bd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) / Black=0.49. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=3 Black=9 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=3 OK: White=15 Black=10 Best: White=2 Black=2 Strong: White=1 ---
1-0

86 **A00**
□ **Oreshnik_153** **2683**
■ **Troyansniper** **2649**
Blitz 02.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c4 h5N
[3...Nge7 4.Nc3 Ng6 5.Nf3 *(5.h3 Bc5 6.d3 b6 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.e3 Nce7 9.e4 Nf4 10.Bxf4 exf4 11.a3 Ng6 12.Qd2 c6 13.d4 Be7 14.Ne2 d5 15.cxd5 Qd6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.e5 Qe6 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.d5 Qd7* 1-0 (29) Grob,H-Mosiman,K FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960*)* 5...Bc5 6.g5 *(6.d3 Nh4 7.Nxh4 Qxh4 8.e3 0-0 9.h3 d6* Quickstarter Guide-Grob Attack 1.g4*)* 6...Nf4 7.Bf1 d5 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxf4 Bf5 11.Rc1 dxc4 12.e3 Ne6 13.Qf3 Bd3 14.Bxd3 cxd3 15.0-0 0-0 2. Grob Attack 1.g4-2.Bg2]
4.gxh5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Rxh5 6.h4 g6 7.d3 d6 8.Bg5 White has an edge. **8...Be7 9.Qd2 Nd4** 0.69/21
[9...Bg4 0.31/19 deserves

consideration.]
10.e3 0.15/21
[10.0-0-0!± 0.69/21]
10...Ne6 11.f4 c6 12.Nf3 Qc7 13.0-0-0 Bd7 0.83/19
[13...Nxg5!± 0.45/20 14.fxg5 *(14.hxg5 Rxh1 15.Rxh1 Nh5=)* 14...Nd7]

14.d4!± exf4 15.exf4 0-0-0 16.Rhe1 Re8

17.Kb1! Rhh8 1.79/21
[17...Ng7± 0.97/20]
18.d5+- Nxg5 3.00/21
[18...cxd5± 1.37/21 might work better. 19.cxd5 *(19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Nxg5=)* 19...Nxg5 20.hxg5 *(20.fxg5 Nh5±)* 20...Nh5]
19.hxg5
[19.fxg5 Ng4±]
19...Nh5 4.12/20
[⌓19...Ng4 2.63/20 20.dxc6 bxc6]
20.Re2? -0.59/20
[20.dxc6+- 4.12/20 bxc6 21.Ka1]
20...c5!∓ 21.Rde1 Bd8 -0.24/20
[Better is 21...Ng3∓ -0.80/22 22.Re3 Nf5]
22.b3 -1.01/20
[22.Rxe8= -0.24/20 Rxe8 23.Rxe8 Bxe8 24.Bh3+ Kb8 25.a3]
22...Ng3 0.01/21
[22...Rxe2∓ -1.01/20 23.Rxe2 Bf5+ 24.Kc1 Qd7]
23.Rxe8= Rxe8 4.48/22
[23...Bxe8= -0.16/24 and Black stays safe. 24.Qb2 f6]
24.Rxe8+- White is clearly winning.
24...Bxe8 25.Qe1 Against Qe7 **25...Qe7** 6.49/23
[⌓25...Nh5 4.39/19 26.Qxe8 Nxf4]
26.Qxg3 Qe3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.59
27.Qe1
1-0

87 **A00**
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2674**
■ **Grover,S.** **2509**
Airthings Masters Play-In rapid (7)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 h5 2.g5 e5 3.d4 d5N**
[3...exd4 4.Qxd4 d5 5.Nc3 Ne7

6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Bf4 Bxc2 8.Qd2 Bg6 9.0-0-0 c6 10.e4 Nd7 11.Qe1 Rc8 12.Bh3 Qa5 13.Qe3 b5 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Rxd5 Rxc3+ 16.bxc3 Nb6 17.Rd2 Qa3+ 18.Kd1 1-0 9.h5 ♗h7 10.♗d3 ♗d3-4.♘f3 b6 5. ♕b3 c5 FIDE GP 2014 (1)]

4.dxe5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.c3 Qd7 7.Bf4 Nge7 Black has compensation.

8.e3 -0.50/19

[8.Bg3= -0.09/23]

8...h4 0.27/24

[8...Ng6∓ -0.50/19]

9.Nbd2= Ng6 10.Qa4 -0.27/23

[10.Rg1 0.17/23 might be stronger.]

10...Rb8 11.Bb5 -0.53/21

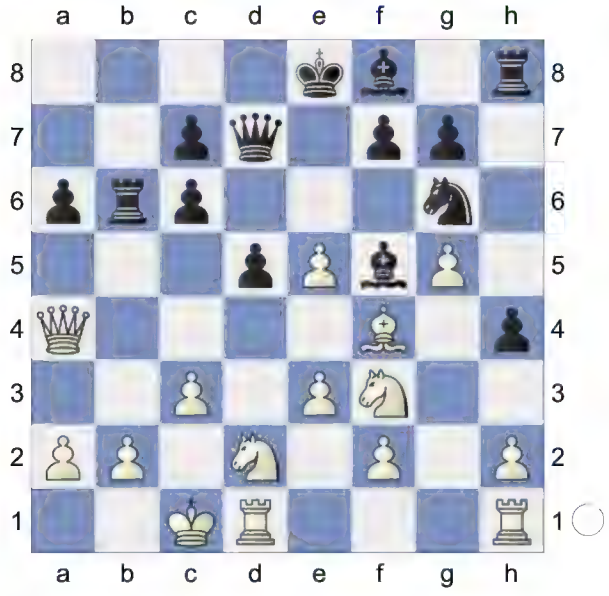
[White should play 11.Rg1= 0.00/24]

11...a6∓ 12.Bxc6 bxc6

[12...Qxc6 simplifies 13.Qxc6+ bxc6 14.b3 Ba3]

13.0-0-0 Rb6 0.86/23

[13...Bc5∓ -0.55/20 stays ahead.]



14.Nc4!± Pin **14...Rb5** 1.62/21

[14...Bc5± 0.95/23 was called for.]

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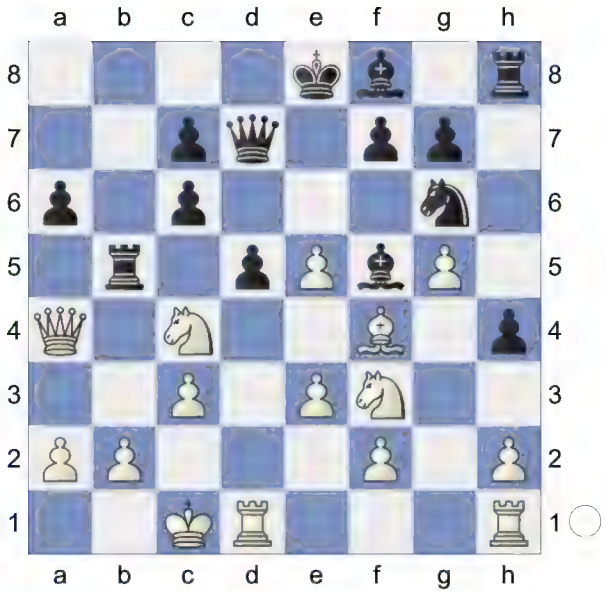

15.e6!↑ Decoy. White is in control.

15...Qxe6 16.Nd4 Qe4 2.89/20

[16...Qc8± 1.44/19]

17.Nd2 Active counter play! Excellent horsemanship. **17...Qd3 18.Qxa6** 1.27/20

[18.Bxc7?! Bc5+-]

[18.e4+- 2.79/23 and White stays clearly on top. Bd7 19.Qxa6 Pin *(19.Bxc7 Rb7+-)* 19...Nxf4 20.Qa8+ Ke7 21.Rhe1]

18...Bb4? 4.28/23 **19.Nxf5**

[19.cxb4 Rc5+ 20.bxc5 Qxa6 21.Bxc7 *(21.Nxf5 Qd3=)* 21...Bg4∓]

19...0-0 Hoping for ...Bxc3. **20.Nd4** White is clearly winning.

[Don't play 20.Qxc6 Rb6 21.Nb3 *(21.Qxc7 Qa6+-)* 21...Nxf4 22.exf4 Qxf5 23.Qxc7 *(23.Qxd5 Qxf4+ 24.Qd2 Bd6±)* 23...Ra6+-]

20...Bxc3 21.Nxb5 Rb8 22.Nb3 Qc4 23.Nxc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.74. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=4 Black=4 Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=7 Black=5 Best: White=3 Black=1 Strong:

White=1 ---
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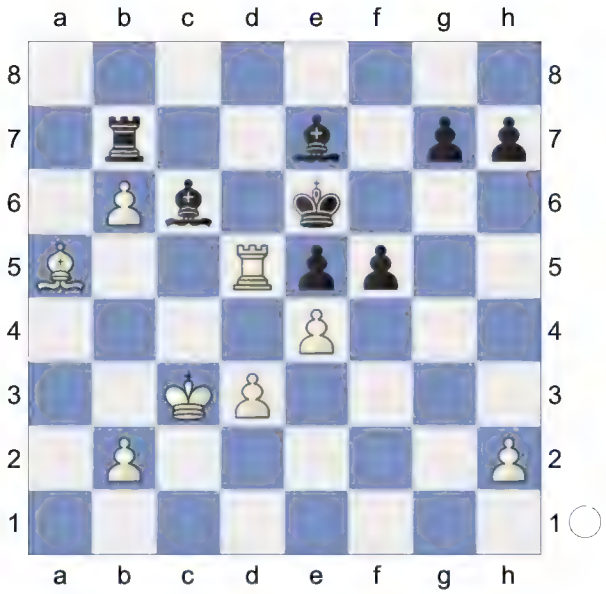
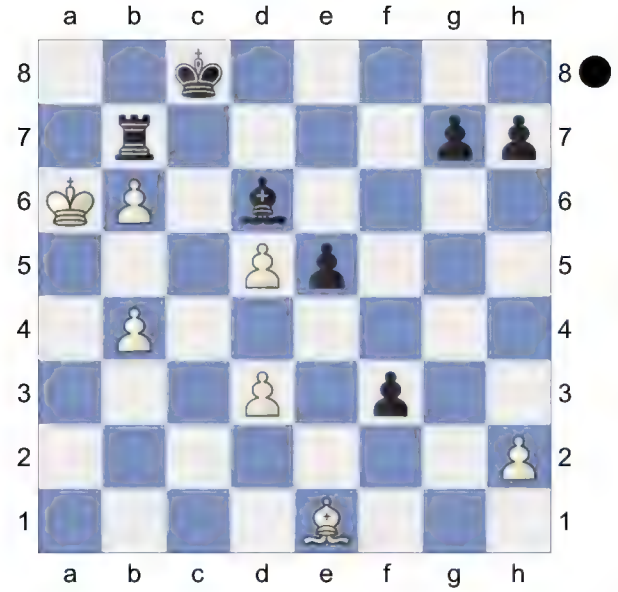
88 **A00**
□ **Tayka** **2668**
■ **AmandeepGoral** **2458**
Blitz 17.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Qb6
[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 *(5...e6 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Qxc6 Rc8 8.Qa6 Rxc4 9.b3 Rc5 10.Nb5 Qb8 11.a4 Rc2 12.Nf3 e5 13.Qxa7 Qd8 14.0-0 Bc5 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Qb7 e4 17.Ne1 Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Rxc7 19.Qb4+ Kg8 20.a5* 1-0 (60) ToromBot (3038)-InanisBot (2487) Rapid 2024*)* 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 Rb6 19.Kd1 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]
5.cxd5 Qxb3 6.axb3 Nf6N
[6...cxd5 7.Bxd5 Nc6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.Ra4 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 0-0-0 11.Nxe7+ Nxe7 12.Rxg4 h5 13.Rc4+ Nc6 14.Nf3 f6 15.d3 g5 16.Be3 Kb8 17.Nd2 Bb4 18.Kd1 Rhe8 19.h4 g4 20.Rf4 Re6 21.Rf5 1-0 (31) Walker,J-Lanaway,J BCCA v BCCS match 2002-3 (43.2) Bxd2 22.Kxd2 Rh8 23.Bf4+ Ka8 24.Rd5 Ne7 25.Rd7 Re8 26.Bg3 Nf5 27.e4 R6e7 28.Rd5 Ng7 29.Rf1 b6 30.f3 gxf3 31.Rxf3 1-0 Von Popiel,I-Oltra Caurin,R Nuremberg LGA Cup 6th 2009 (43.2)]
7.Nc3 cxd5 8.Nxd5 The position is equal. **8...Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Nc6 10.Nf3 e6** 0.27/21
[10...Bd7∓ -0.32/19]
11.Bxc6+= bxc6 12.Ne5 Bf5 13.d3
[13.Nxc6? loses. Be4 14.Rg1 Bxc6-+]
13...f6 14.Nxc6 e5 Loses the game.
15.Rxa7? -3.94/22
[15.Be3± 0.61/21 keeps the upper hand.]
15...Rc8-+ 16.Bd2 Black must now prevent e4!.
[16.Ra6 Bd7 17.Bd2 Rxc6-+ *(17...Bxc6? 18.0-0-+)*]
16...Rxc6 17.Bc3 Rc8 18.Kd2 Be7 19.Rha1 Kf7 20.b4 -4.29/21
[⌓20.R1a5 -2.88/21]
20...Rhd8 Black is clearly winning.
21.Rb7 Rd7 22.Raa7 Rxb7 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.b5 Rd7 25.Rb8 Bd6 26.Rb6 Bc5 27.Rc6 Bxf2 28.Ba5 Rb7 29.b6 Bd7 30.Rd6 f5 31.e3 Bh4 Strongly threatening ...Be7. **32.Kc3 Be7 33.Rd5 Ke6 34.e4 Bc6**



Trapped Piece **35.Kc4 Bxd5+ 36.exd5+ Kd7 37.Kb5 Bd6 38.Ka6 Kc8 39.Bc3 f4 40.b4 f3** (-> ...f2)

41.Be1



Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/ Black=0.41

41...Bxb4!

0-1

89 **A00**

□ **Karlos_ulsk** **2662**

■ **Barry_Lindon** **2576**

Blitz 03.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.g5
[3.c4 d6 4.h3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.d3 Nf6 7.e4 Rb8 8.Nge2 a6 9.f4 h5 10.g5 Nd7 11.Be3 Nd4 12.Qd2 b5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1 Bb7 15.Kh1 e6 16.b3 Qa5 17.Rf2 Rfe8 1-0 (36) Omariev,M (2304)-Sjugirov,S (2680) Titled Tue 8. Feb Early 2022 (1)]

3...d5 4.d3 e5 5.h4N
[5.Nc3 Be6 6.h4 f6 7.e4 d4 8.Nce2 Qd7 9.f4 Bg4 10.f5 g6 11.Bh3 gxf5 12.Bxg4 fxg4 13.Ng3 h5 14.gxh6 Bxh6 15.N1e2 Bxc1 16.Nxc1 Nce7 17.Nb3 b6 18.Qe2 Ng6 19.Nf5 Nh6 1-0 (34) Grob,H-Wampfler,W FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1966]

5...Be6 6.Nd2 -1.51/20
[Better is 6.c4 -0.78/22]

6...h6∓ 7.Ngf3 -1.83/20
[7.e4∓ -1.40/20]

7...Be7 -0.83/21
[7...Qc7-+ -1.83/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 8.e4 Nge7]

8.c4 Black is better. **8...hxg5 9.cxd5 Bxd5**

10.hxg5 Rxh1+ 11.Bxh1 Bxg5
Black has more active pieces. **12.Qa4 Bh6** -0.49/23
[12...Bxd2+∓ -0.89/21 13.Bxd2 Qd6]

13.e4? -3.44/24
[13.Ne4∓ -0.49/23]

13...Be6-+ 14.Nxe5 -4.95/25
[14.Bg2 -3.31/22]

14...Nge7? -1.54/23
[14...Qh4-+ -4.95/25 15.Bf3 Be3]

15.Ndf3 -1.92/24
[15.Nxc6∓ -1.54/23 Nxc6 16.e5]

15...Bxc1 16.Rxc1 Qd6 -0.89/23
[Black should play 16...Qb6 -1.33/23 17.Qa3 Nb4]

17.a3 -2.34/22
[17.Qb5∓ -0.89/23]

17...f6? -0.47/25
[17...Kf8-+ -2.34/22 18.Nxc6 Nxc6]
18.Nxc6∓ Nxc6
[18...bxc6 19.e5 fxe5 20.Ng5=]
19.Rc3 -1.56/22
[19.Qb5∓ -0.51/23]
19...Kf7 -0.11/22
[19...Ke7∓ -1.56/22 White must now prevent ...Rh8. 20.Kf1 Bh3+ 21.Ke1 Rh8]
20.Bg2 -1.23/22
[20.Qb5!= -0.11/22 was the only way to keep the balance. Rd8 *(20...b6 21.e5∓)* 21.Qxb7+ Kf8 22.Qb5]
20...Rd8↑ Keeping White busy. **21.Qb5?** -3.24/22
[21.Qc2∓ -1.01/21 was necessary.]
21...b6-+ 22.b4? -7.26/24
[22.Qa4 -2.85/23]
22...Nd4
[22...cxb4? loses. 23.Rxc6 Qxd3 24.Qxd3 *(24.Qxb4? Qd1#)* 24...Rxd3 25.Rc7+ *(25.axb4 Bg4+-)* 25...Rd7 26.Rxd7+ Bxd7 27.axb4+-]
23.Nxd4 Qxd4 24.Rc2 Qa1+
[Not 24...Qxd3 25.Qxd3 Rxd3 26.bxc5∓]
25.Ke2 c4 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.d4 Qxa3 -10.43/23
[⌓27...Qxd4 -33.90/27 28.f3 Qd1+ *(28...Qd3+? 29.Kf2-+)* 29.Kf2 Qxc2+ 30.Kg3 c3]
28.Rd2 c3 29.Rd3 Bc4

(Diagram)

(-> ...c2!). Pin **30.d5**
Weighted Error Value: White=2.03/Black=1.09
30...c2
0-1

90 **A00**
□ **grandmastergauri** **2655**
■ **Recobachess** **2591**
Blitz 04.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 a6 2.Bg2 d6 3.g5 Nc6 4.h4 e5 5.d3 Be6 6.e3 -1.21/19
[6.c4∓ -0.38/19]
6...Qd7 -0.73/18
[Black should try 6...d5 -1.21/19 7.d4 exd4 8.exd4 h6]
7.c4 -1.09/18
[7.e4 -0.73/18]
7...d5∓ 8.cxd5 Black is better. **8...Bxd5 9.Nf3 Bb4+** -0.36/21
[9...0-0-0∓ -1.27/21 10.Nc3 h6]
10.Nc3 -0.99/19
[10.Bd2∓ -0.36/21]
10...Nge7 -0.51/18

[10...0-0-0∓ -0.99/19 11.Bd2 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 f6]

11.a3 -1.09/21

[11.Bd2∓ -0.51/18]

11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 e4? 0.72/20

[12...Rd8∓ -1.16/19 and ...0-0 should not be overlooked 13.Bb2 0-0 *(13...Qg4 14.Rg1∓)*]

13.dxe4± Bxe4 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7

15.Ne5+! Discovered Attack **15...Nxe5 16.Bxe4 N7c6** 1.34/19

[⌓16...Rab8 0.74/19]

17.Bf5+ 0.88/20

[⌓17.Ke2 1.34/19]

17...Ke7 18.a4 0.76/21

[Better is 18.f4 1.12/20 Nc4 19.h5]

18...Nc4 1.22/19

[⌓18...h6 0.76/21]

19.Ba3+ 0.01/18

[19.Rb1± 1.22/19]

19...Nxa3= 20.Rxa3 Rad8 21.Ke2 b6 22.Bd3 a5 23.f4 h6 0.49/21

[23...Rd5= 0.01/22]

24.Be4 -0.15/25

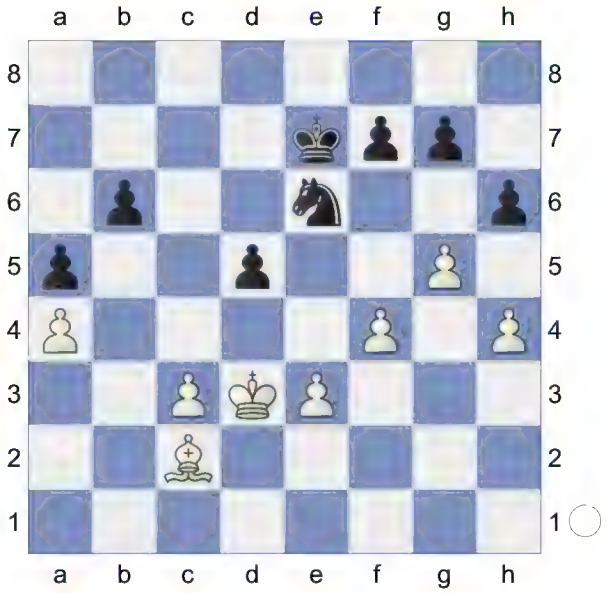
[24.g6!± 0.49/21]

24...Rd6 25.Rd1 Rhd8 26.Raa1 Nb8

[26...Rxd1 simplifies 27.Rxd1 Rxd1 28.Kxd1 Nd8]

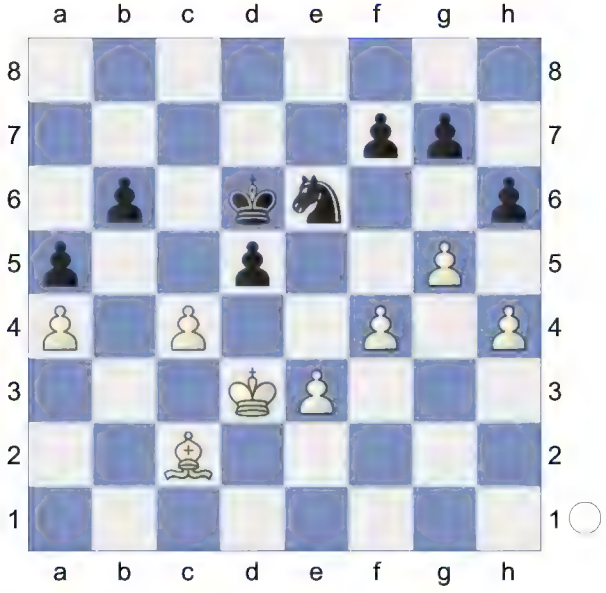
27.Rd4 Na6 28.Rad1 Nc5 29.Bc2 Ne6 30.Rxd6 Rxd6 31.Rxd6 cxd6 Endgame KB-KN **32.Kd3 d5** 1.25/28

[32...Nc7= 0.01/25 remains equal.]



33.c4!± Black cannot hold the game after this. **33...Kd6?** 7.42/26

[33...dxc4+± 1.27/30 34.Kxc4 Nc7]

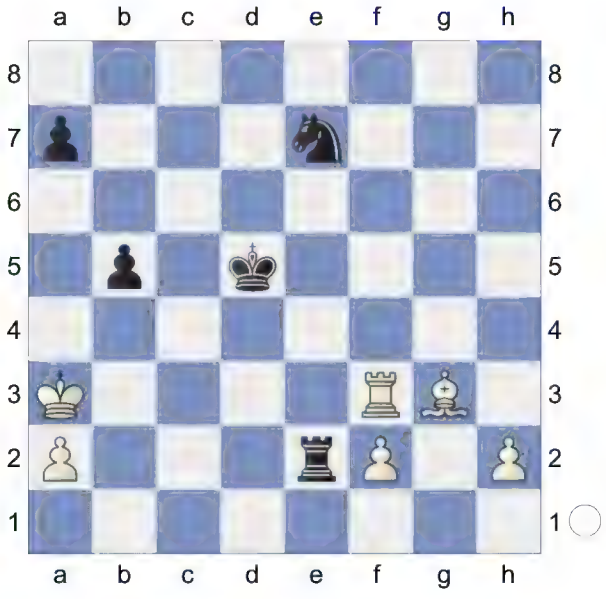


34.cxd5!+- Kxd5 35.Bb3+ Kd6 36.Bxe6 Kxe6 KP-KP **37.Kc4 Kd6 38.Kb5 Kc7 39.e4 hxg5 40.hxg5 g6 41.f5 Kb7 42.e5** White wants to mate

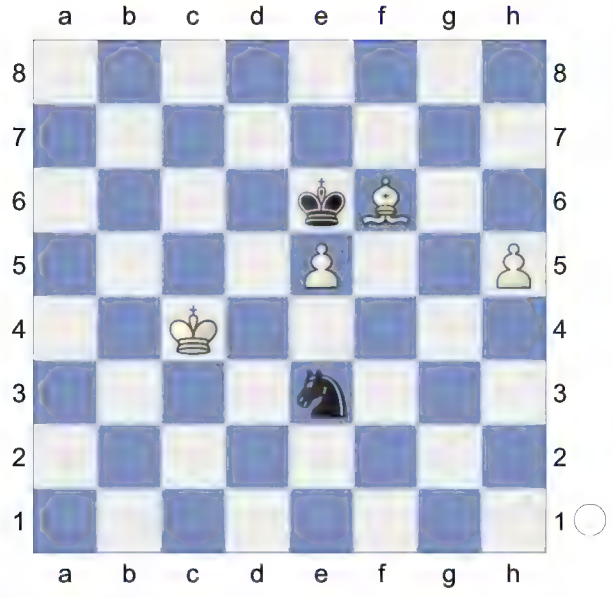
with e6. **42...Kc7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=1.02
43.e6
1-0

91 **A00**
□ **Howell,David** **2650**
■ **Rustemov,A.** **2525**
Titled Tue 28th Jun Late blitz (8) 28.6.22
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.g5 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4N**
[4.h4
A) 4...Bd6 5.d3 *(5.e4 d4 6.d3 Be6 7.Ne2 Ne7 8.f4 g6 9.fxe5 Bxe5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxd4 Bg4 14.N4f3 Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Qg3+ 16.Kf1 0-0-0 17.Qe1 Qd6 18.Bh3 Bxh3+ 19.Rxh3 f5* Grob,H-Silberring,P FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1966*)* 5...Ne7 6.e4 Be6 7.Nd2 Qc7 8.Bh3 Bxh3 9.Nxh3 Nd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Qg4 Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.exd5 cxd5 14.b4 Ne6 15.c4 Nd4 16.Ra2 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.0-0 Ne2+ ½-½ Juhasz,B-5.a4 ♗g4 6.♘e5 ♗h5_4140 101/(136) Sora 2007 (1);
B) 4...f5 5.d4 e4 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.h5 Be6 9.c3 Qc7 10.e3 Nd7 11.Nd2 c5 12.Rc1 b5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nf4 c4 15.a3 a5 16.Nf1 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Ng3 Nb6 ½-½ Schafer,H-6.Bf4 0-0; 7.Qd2 d5!?; (ol) 17/255 Nice 1974]
4...Nd7 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 The position is equal.
8...cxd5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Qd4! Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 f6 12.gxf6 Qxf6 aiming for ... 0-0. **13.Bf4! Ng6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.Bg3 Bf5 16.Nf3 Be4 17.0-0-0 Kf7 18.Rhe1 Rac8** -0.01/15
[18...Bxf3!∓ -0.37/15 19.exf3 Rhd8]
19.Kb2 -0.40/16
[19.Nd4!= -0.01/15 deserves consideration. Ne5 *(19...Rxc3+? 20.Kb2+-)* 20.f3]
19...Bxf3∓ 20.exf3 Rc5 21.c4 Rd8
[21...Rxc4?! 22.Rxd5 Rhc8 23.Rd7+ Kg8 24.Rxb7±]
22.Re4 dxe4 0.00/31
[22...Rxc4? 23.Rxc4 f5 24.Rc7+ Kg8 25.Rd4+- *(25.Rxb7 f4+-)*]
[22...b5∓ -0.68/23 23.cxd5 Rcxd5 *(23...Rdxd5 24.Red4∓)* 24.Rxd5 Rxd5]
23.Rxd8= Rxc4∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN **24.Rd7+ Ke6 25.Rxh7 Ne7 26.Rh4 Kd5**
[Stronger than 26...Ng6 27.Rxe4+ Rxe4 28.fxe4+-]
27.Rf4 exf3 28.Rxf6 Re4 29.Rxf3 Re2+ 30.Ka3 b5? 5.26/11
[30...Nc6!± 0.31/9]

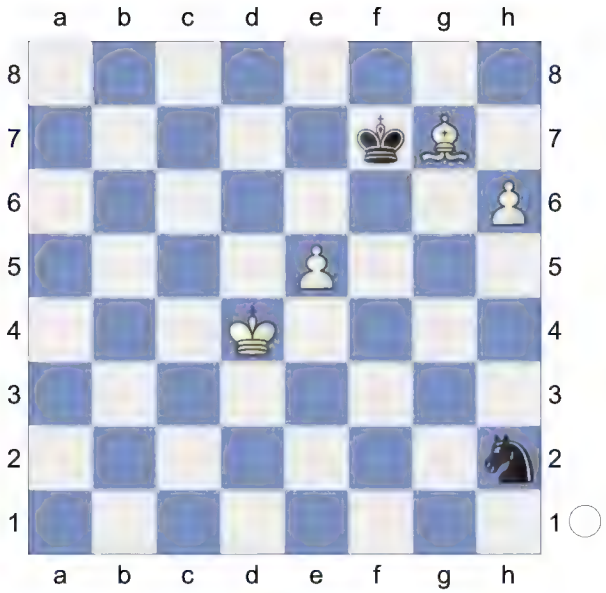


31.Re3!+- Rxe3+ 32.fxe3 KB-KN
32...Nf5? 6.48/11
[32...Nc6 3.88/11 33.h4 Ke6]
33.Kb4 a6? 7.09/11
[33...Kc6 3.53/10 34.e4 Ng7]
34.Bf4 Kc6 35.Bg5 Kb6 36.Bd8+ Kc6 37.Bg5 Kb6 38.h4 a5+? 5.80/12
[38...Ng3 3.57/13 39.Bd8+ Kc6]
39.Kc3 Ng3 40.Kd4
[Less strong is 40.Bd8+ Ka6 41.Kd4 a4+-]
40...b4? 6.55/13
[40...a4 3.29/9 41.Kd5 b4]
41.e4 a4 42.e5? 0.00/44
[42.Kd5+- 5.27/16 b3 43.Bd8+ *(43.axb3 axb3 44.Bf6 Ne2+-)* 43...Kb7 44.axb3 axb3 45.Bf6]
42...Kc6 43.Kc4 b3 Deflection **44.axb3 axb3** White must now prevent ...b2. **45.Kxb3** And now Kc4 would win. **45...Kd5 46.Bf6 Nf5 47.h5** Bg7! is the strong threat. **47...Ke6?** 10.32/24
[47...Nh6= 0.00/20]
48.Kc4 Ne3+



49.Kd4! Ng4 50.Bg7 Threatens to win with h6. **50...Kf7 51.h6** White mates. **51...Nh2**

(Diagram)



52.e6+! Kg6
[52...Kxe6 53.h7]
53.e7 Nf3+ 54.Ke3 Nh4 55.e8Q+ Kg5 56.Qe4 Nf5+ 57.Kf2 Nxh6 58.Bxh6+ Kxh6 59.Kg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.63. Loses game: --- Black=2 Mistake: White=1 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=2 OK: White=12 Black=13 Best: White=2 Black=1 Strong: White=3 ---
1-0

92 **A00**
□ **evilhamburger** **2650**
■ **VojtaPlat** **2632**
Blitz 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d6 2.Bg2 c6
[2...e5 3.h3 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6 8.b3 Be6 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.e3 d5 11.Nge2 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.0-0-0 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.N4g3 h5 17.h4

1-0 (27) Duda,J (2731)-Sonis,F (2562) Titled Tue 16th Apr Early blitz 2024 (11)]

3.g5N

[3.h3 e5 *(3...h6 4.c4 e5 5.Nc3 Be6 6.b3 Be7 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.d3 Nbd7 9.e4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2 Bb4 12.Bd2 Qa5 13.Rc1 e4 14.dxe4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Nc5 17.Qc2 Rd8 18.Bxb4* 1-0 (49) Grob,H-Stoll,W FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960*)* 4.c4 Be7 5.Nc3 Be6 6.d3 h5 7.e4 Qd7 8.gxh5 Nf6 9.Bf3 d5 10.b3 Bb4 11.Bd2 dxc4 12.dxc4 Qd4 13.Qc2 Nxh5 14.Nge2 Qd6 15.0-0-0 Ba3+ 16.Kb1 Na6 17.Bc1 Qe7 1-0 (61) Holick,M-Laske,E (2025) Goetzis op Götzis 1997 (7) 18.Bxa3 Qxa3 19.Bg4 Nc7 20.Qd2 Nf6 21.Qg5 Nxg4 22.hxg4 Rxh1 23.Rxh1 Qc5 24.f4 Qe3 25.Qxe5 Qd3+ 26.Kb2 0-0-0 27.f5 f6 28.Qc5 Qd2+ 29.Ka3 Na6 30.Qe7 Bd7 31.Rd1 Qc2 32.Qd6 b5 1-0 (61) Laakso,H-Braun,A (2025) corr 27/(289) 1979 (7)]

3...h6 4.h4 e5 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nc3 hxg5 7.Bxg5 f6 8.Bd2 Black is slightly better.

8...Be6 9.e4 Nd7 10.f4 -0.78/18

[10.Bh3= -0.15/19 Bxh3 *(10...Rxh4 11.Qf3=)* 11.Rxh3]

10...Qc7 0.09/18 Black is more active.

[Black should try 10...Qb6∓ -0.78/18 11.Nge2 Bg4]

11.f5 -0.92/20

[11.Qf3= 0.09/18]

11...Bf7∓ 12.Nf3 -1.54/22

[White should try 12.Nge2 -0.91/20]

12...0-0-0 13.Qe2 d5 14.Qf2 d4 15.Ne2 Nc5 -0.88/18

[⌓15...Qb6 -1.42/20 16.b3 c5]

16.b4 -2.29/19

[16.Bh3∓ -0.88/18 was worth a try.]

16...Na4-+ 17.0-0 -2.34/17

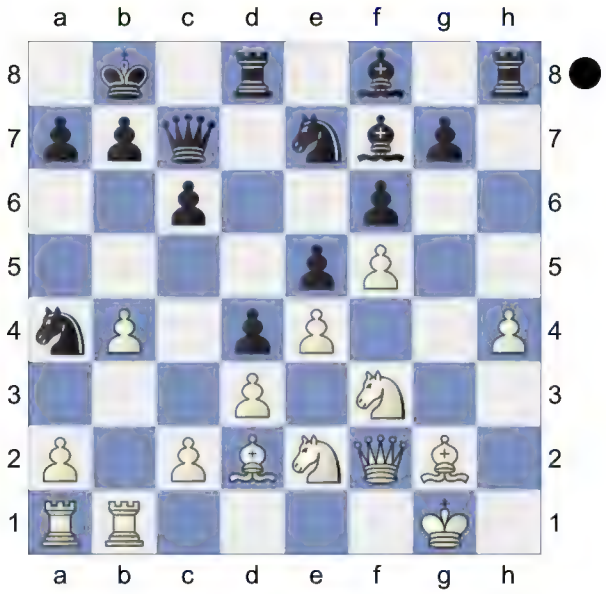
[⌓17.Bh3 -1.85/18]

17...Kb8 -1.02/17

[17...c5-+ -2.34/17 is more deadly. Threatens to win with ...Nc6. 18.Rfc1 c4 19.dxc4 a5 *(19...Qxc4 20.c3=; 19...Bxc4 20.c3∓)*]

18.Rfb1? -2.70/18

[18.Nfxd4∓ -1.02/17 exd4 19.Bf4 Pin]



18...Nc8 19.b5 c5 20.Qe1 c4 21.Ba5 Ncb6

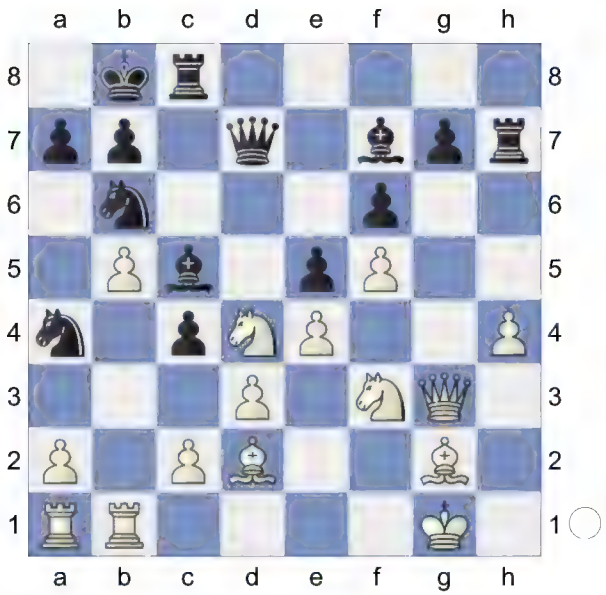
[Don't play 21...b6 22.Bb4-+]

22.Bb4 Rc8 23.Bd2 Bc5 24.Qg3 Rh7 25.Nexd4 Qd7

[25...Bxd4+ 26.Nxd4 Qd6 *(26...exd4?* perishes. *27.Bf4+-* Pin *)* 27.Nf3 cxd3 28.Bb4±]

[25...exd4? 26.Bf4+-]

(Diagram)



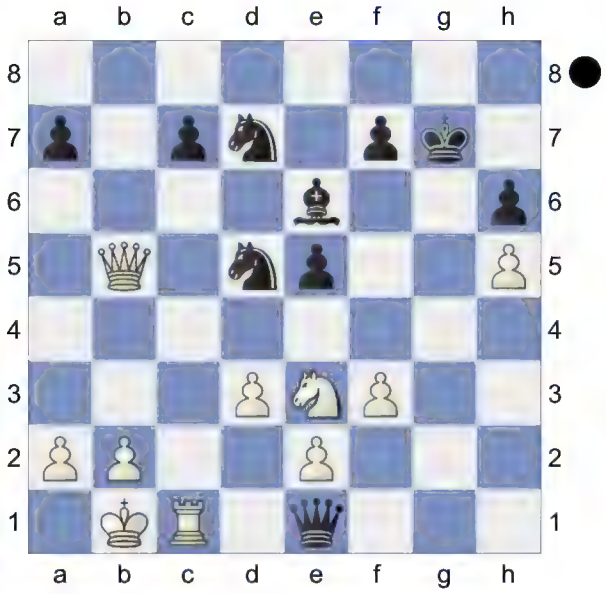
Pin. Black is clearly winning. **26.c3** -6.40/17
[⌓26.Be3 -4.36/20 Ka8 27.Bd2]
26...Ka8 27.Nxe5 fxe5 28.Qxe5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.36
28...Bd6
0-1

93 **A00**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2649**
■ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2725**
Titled Arena Apr 3rd 2021 blitz 03.04.21
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3! Ngf6N** 0.24/20
[Better is 6...e5!∓ -0.46/19 7.Qc2 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.d3 cxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.e4 Be6 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0-0 Qb7 15.Nge2 Rb8 16.Qc2 Be3+ 17.Kb1 c5 18.Rd3 Bd4 19.Ng3 Qa6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Nd5 4 Chapter-Games Chapter 11 Game]
7.Qa4 -0.39/20
[7.Na3!= 0.24/20]
7...e5!∓ 8.Qxc4 -0.85/20
[8.b3∓ -0.38/21]
8...Bc5 9.Nc3 0-0 Black has compensation. **10.d3 Rb8** -0.04/16
[10...Be6∓ -0.60/22 11.Qh4 Rb8]
11.h4? -1.87/16
[11.Ne4= -0.04/16 Bb4+ 12.Kf1]
11...Rb4-+ 12.Qa6 Be6 13.h5 -2.21/19
[⌓13.Kf1 -1.70/19]
13...h6 14.Nh3? -3.59/18
[14.Ne4 -2.06/19 was necessary. Bd4 15.Kf1]
14...Rh4
[14...Nxh5 15.Ne4-+]
15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Nf2 White is weak on the dark squares **16...Rxh1+**
[16...Rxh5 17.Rxh5 Nxh5 18.Nfe4-+]
17.Nxh1 Be3
[17...Nxh5 18.0-0-0-+]

White must now prevent ...Nc5! A strong pair of Bishops. **18.Nf2 Nc5** Prevents Nfe4.
[18...Nxh5 19.Nfe4-+]
19.Qb5 Qd8
[19...Nxh5 20.Ncd1 a6 21.Qa5-+]

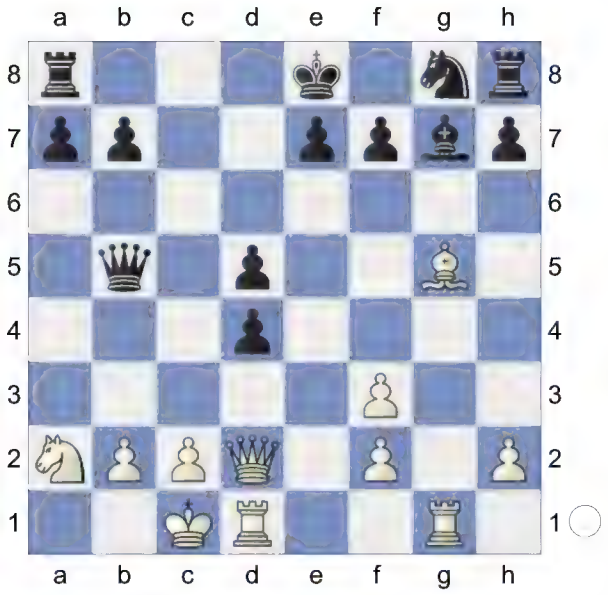
20.Ncd1 Qd4 21.Nxe3 Qxe3 22.Nd1 Qg1+ 23.Kd2 Nd5 Strongly threatening ...Nf4.
[23...Nxh5 24.Qb8+ Kh7 25.Qxc7-+]
24.Rc1 Nd7 25.Kc2? -4.35/20
[25.Qa4 -2.42/14]
25...Kg7? -0.98/19
[25...Qh2-+ -4.35/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 26.Kb1 Qxe2]
26.Kb1? -3.65/20
[26.Nc3∓ -0.98/19 Ne3+ 27.Kb1]
26...Qe1? -0.04/22
[26...Qg2-+ -3.65/20 27.e3 Qxf3]
27.Ne3!=



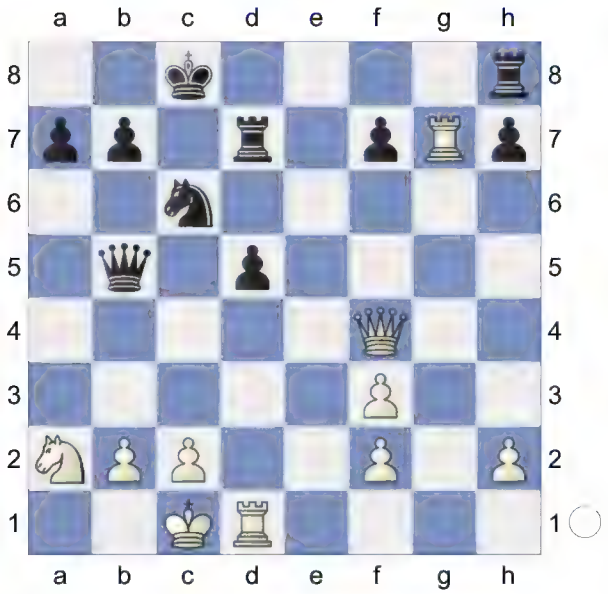
Discovered Attack **27...Qb4** 0.76/30
[27...Qxe2? loses. 28.Nxd5 Qxf3 29.Nxc7+-]
[27...c6= -0.04/22 28.Rxe1 cxb5 29.Rg1+ Kf6 30.Nxd5+ Bxd5]
28.Rg1+ 0.08/27 Some like it hot
[28.Qxb4± 0.76/30 Nxb4 29.Rxc7 Bxa2+ 30.Kc1]
28...Kf8⇄ Black is not holding back
29.Qxb4+ Nxb4 30.Ng4 Bxg4
[30...Bxa2+? 31.Kc1 Nc6 32.Nxh6∓]
31.Rxg4 Nd5 1.49/24
[31...c5!= 0.00/25 keeps the balance.]
32.Ra4± Nf4? 3.81/25
[32...N7f6 33.e4 *(33.Rxa7 Nxh5 34.e4 Nb4+-)* 33...Ne7 34.Rxa7 Nxh5 35.Rxc7=]
[32...Ke7 1.93/21 might work better. 33.Rxa7 Kd6]
33.Rxa7+- Nxh5 34.Rxc7 Nhf6 35.a4 White is clearly winning. **35...Ke8** 6.10/24 **36.a5 Kd8 37.Rc6 Nd5 38.a6 Nc7 39.a7** And now Rxc7! would win. **39...Na8 40.Rxh6** Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.66. Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: --- Black=2 Mistake: White=6 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2 OK: White=9 Black=14 Best: White=2 Black=1 Strong: White=1 Black=1
1-0

94 **A00**
□ **Paravyan,D.** **2642**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2714**
Lindores Abbey Tal Mem blitz (17.8)
[MH]

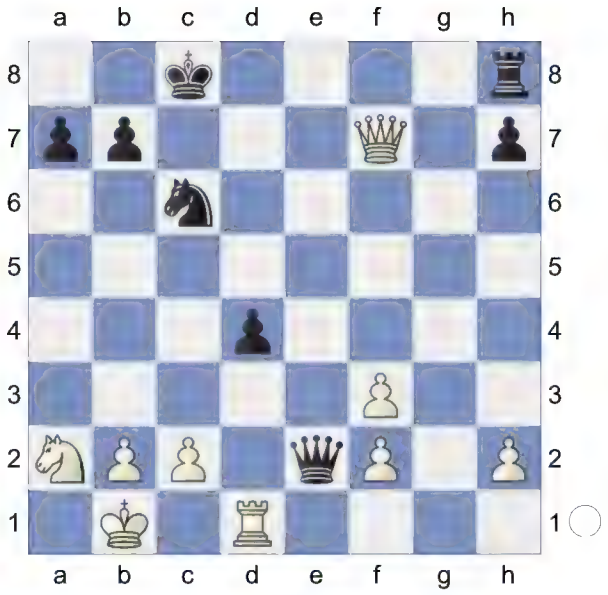
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 g5 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bxg5 Bxg4 5.Qd3 Nc6 6.0-0-0 Qd7 7.Nf3 Nb4** 0.82/21
[7...0-0-0= 0.25/19]
8.Qd2 White is better. **8...c5** 1.76/21
9.Rg1 Bxf3 10.exf3 Hoping for Bf4.
10...cxd4 2.46/25
[10...Bxd4± 1.46/19 keeps fighting. 11.Nb5 Nc6]
11.Bb5? 0.75/21
[11.Nb5+- 2.46/25 is the precise move to win. Nc6 12.Bxe7 Discovered Attack Kxe7 13.Rxg7]
11...Nxa2+± Deflection **12.Nxa2 Qxb5** (Diagram)



13.Bxe7! Discovered Attack **13...Nxe7**
14.Rxg7 0-0-0 15.Qxd4 0.29/20
[15.Rxf7± 0.85/21 Qc5 *(15...Nc6 16.Qf4±)* 16.Nb4 *(16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Nc6=)*]
15...Nc6= 16.Qf4 Rd7 1.36/26
[16...d4± 0.54/22]



17.Rxf7 0.81/24
[⌓17.Qf5! 1.36/26 Ne7 18.Qxf7]
17...Rxf7± 18.Qxf7 d4 Wards off Nc3
19.Kb1 Qe2
(Diagram)



20.Rg1 Black must now prevent Rg7.
20...Re8 2.29/25
[20...d3± 1.01/22 21.Rg8+ Rxg8 22.Qxg8+ Nd8 23.Qc4+ *(23.Qxh7 Qxc2+ 24.Ka1 Qd1+)* 23...Nc6 24.Qg8+ *(24.Qxd3 Qxd3 25.cxd3 Ne5=; 24.cxd3 Qxf3 25.Qg8+ Nd8=)* 24...Nd8 25.Qc4+ *(25.Qxh7 Qxc2+ 26.Ka1 Qd1+)* 25...Kd7 26.Qd4+ *(26.Qxd3+ Qxd3 27.cxd3 Nc6∓; 26.cxd3 Qxf3 27.Qd4+ Kc8±)* 26...Kc7 27.cxd3 *(27.Qxd3 Qxd3 28.cxd3 Ne6±)* 27...Qxf3]
21.Nc1
[21.Qxh7 Qxf2 22.Rg8 Rxg8 23.Qxg8+ Kd7= *(23...Kc7 24.Qh7+ Kb6 25.Nc1±)*]
21...Qe7 22.Qf5+ Qd7 23.Qxd7+ 0.55/26
[23.Qh5+- 1.82/22]
23...Kxd7+- Endgame. KRN-KRN
24.Rg7+ 0.06/24
[24.f4± 0.53/24 is superior.]
24...Re7= 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 KN-KN
26.Nd3 Ke6 27.Nc5+ Kd5 28.Nxb7 Ne5 29.f4 Ng4 30.h3 Nxf2 31.h4 h5 32.b4 d3 Threatens to win with ...d2.
33.Kc1 Ke4 Strongly threatening ...Ke3.

34.Nc5+ Kxf4 35.Nxd3+? -13.51/19
[35.Kd2= 0.00/29 dxc2 36.Ne6+ *(36.Kxc2 Kf5=)* 36...Kg4 37.Kxc2]
35...Nxd3+-+ 36.cxd3= K3P-KPP
36...Kg4 37.Kd2 Kxh4 38.Ke2 Kg5 39.Kf3 Kf5 40.b5 Ke5 41.Ke3 Kd5 -11.62/20
[⌓41...h4 -26.88/33 42.Kf3 Kd4 43.Kg4 Kc5 *(43...Kxd3* is a self mate. *44.Kxh4 Kc4 45.Kg5 Kxb5 46.Kf4 Kc4 47.Kf3 a5 48.Ke2 Kc3 49.Kd1 Kb2 50.Kd2 a4 51.Ke3 Kc3 52.Kf4 a3 53.Ke3 a2 54.Kf4 Kd4 55.Kg5 a1Q 56.Kf6 Kd5+ 57.Kg5 Qe5+ 58.Kh4 Ke4 59.Kh3 Qg7 60.Kh4 Kf4 61.Kh5 Qh7#)* 44.Kxh4 Kxb5 45.Kh3 a5 46.Kg4 a4 47.Kh5 a3 48.Kg6 a2 49.Kh5 a1Q *(49...a1B 50.d4=)* 50.Kg6 Kc5 51.Kf5 Kd5 *(51...Qf1+* gets mated. *52.Ke4 Qe2+ 53.Kf5 Qxd3+ 54.Kf6 Qf3+ 55.Ke5 Qg4 56.Kf6 Kd6 57.Kf7 Qg5 58.Kf8 Ke6 59.Ke8 Qg8#)* 52.Kg5 Qe5+ 53.Kg4 Kd4 54.Kf3 Qf5+ *(54...Kxd3 55.Kf2 Qf5+ 56.Kg2 Ke3 57.Kg3 Qg5+ 58.Kh3 Kf3 59.Kh2 Qg2#)* 55.Ke2 Qg4+ *(55...Qxd3+ 56.Kf2 Ke4 57.Kg2 Kf4 58.Kh2 Kf3 59.Kg1 Qg6+ 60.Kh2 Qg2#)* 56.Ke1 Ke3 *(56...Kxd3 57.Kf2 Kd2 58.Kf1 Ke3 59.Ke1 Qg1#)* 57.Kf1 Qg3 58.d4 Qf2#]
42.d4 h4 What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/ Black=0.31. Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=4 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=10 Black=11 Best: --- Black=1 Brilliant: White=1 ---
0-1

95 **A00**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2637**
■ **Ivic,Velimir** **2625**
chess.com Junior Speed blitz (1.38)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5**
[2...c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005]
[2...Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6 4.Qb3 Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2 14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 0-1 Irlbacher,R (1443)-Weiss, W (2023) corr 8.DSFC/V1 Post 2017]
3.e3N
[3.c4 dxc4 4.Qa4+ c6 *(4...Bd7 5.Qxc4 Nc6 6.Nc3 h5 7.Bd5 Qe7 8.g5 0-0-0 9.Nf3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 Bc6 12.Qc4 Rxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxg5 14.e4 Nf6 15.Nxf6 Qxf6* #5 15a) English Reti and Sidelin-Grob Opening: 1.g4*)* 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.h3 Nd7 9.d4 a5 10.Qc2 0-0-0 11.Nc3 f6 12.e4 Ne7 13.Bd2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nc5 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.Ne2 Ng6 17.0-0-0 Nh4 Grob,H-Nn Unknown Player FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1963]
[3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Be6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Qa4 Nf6 7.g5 Nd7 8.Nxd5 Nc5 9.Qc4 Qd7 10.Bf4 Nb4 11.e4 c6 12.Qxb4 Nd3+ 13.cxd3 Bxb4+ 14.Nxb4 a5 15.Nc2 Qxd3 #1

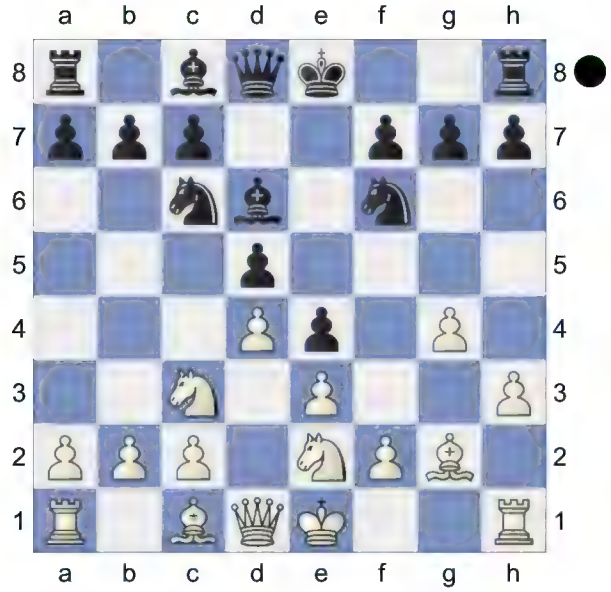
15a) English Reti and Sidelin-Grob Opening: 1.g4]

3...Nc6 4.h3 Nf6 5.d4 Bd6 6.Nc3 e4 0.53/21

[6...0-0∓ -0.63/15]

7.Nge2? -1.31/22

[7.g5± 0.53/21 was the only good move. Ng8 8.Nxd5]



7...Be6 -0.57/20

[7...Ne7∓ -1.31/22 Hoping for ...Ng6. 8.Nb5 c6 9.Nxd6+ Qxd6]

8.Nf4∓ Black is slightly better. **8...Ne7 9.Nb5** -0.86/24

[9.Bd2= -0.25/24 keeps the balance.]

9...Bb4+ -0.28/26

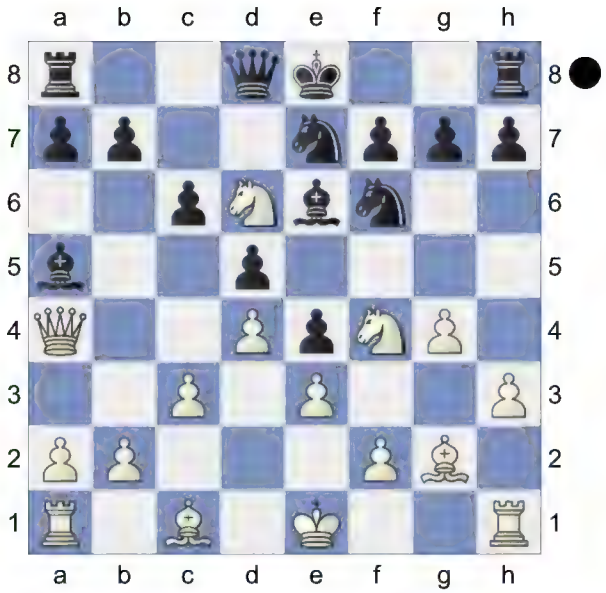
[Black should try 9...Bxf4∓ -0.86/24 10.exf4 c6]

10.c3 Ba5 11.Qa4 -0.94/21

[11.g5∓ -0.46/20 Nd7 12.Qa4]

11...c6∓ 12.Nd6+

(Diagram)



Deflection **12...Qxd6 13.Qxa5 g5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qb4** -1.64/21

[15.Bd2∓ -0.87/22 was worth a try.]

15...Qxb4-+ 16.cxb4 h5 17.gxh5 Rxh5 18.Bd2 Nf5 19.Ke2 Nh4 A dynamic duo of knights. **20.Rag1** -2.02/23

[20.Rhg1∓ -1.55/21]

20...Nxg2 -0.55/19

[20...Kf7-+ -2.02/23 White must now prevent ...Rg8. 21.Bf1 Rah8]

21.Rxg2∓ Kf7 22.Rhg1 Rah8 -0.23/25

[22...Rg8∓ -0.61/23]

23.Rxg5= Rxg5

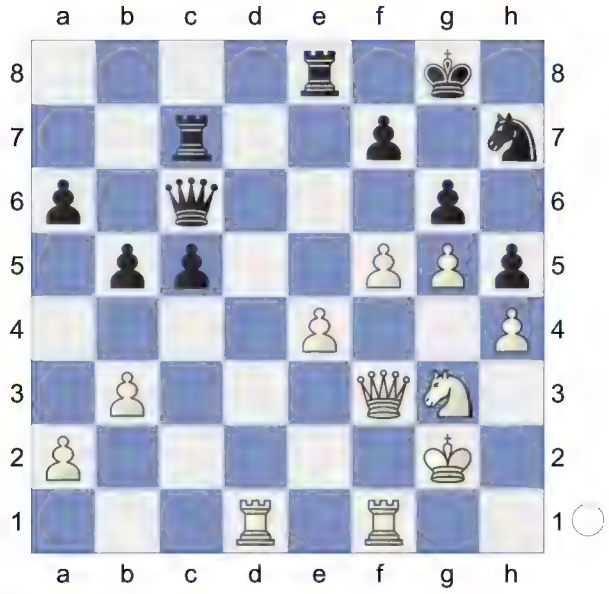
[23...Rxh3? too greedy. 24.Rg7+ Ke8 25.Rxb7+-]

24.Rxg5 Rxh3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **25.Rg1 Rh2 26.a4** The position is equal. **26...Nd7 27.b5 c5 28.b3 cxd4 29.exd4 e5 30.Be3 Rh3 31.Rc1 exd4 32.Bxd4 Rxb3 33.Rc7 Ke6 34.Rxb7 Rb4 35.Ke3 Rb3+ 36.Ke2 Rb4 37.Ke3 Rb3+ 38.Ke2** White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise) . Mistake: White=5 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1 OK: White=18

Black=11 Best: --- Black=2
½-½

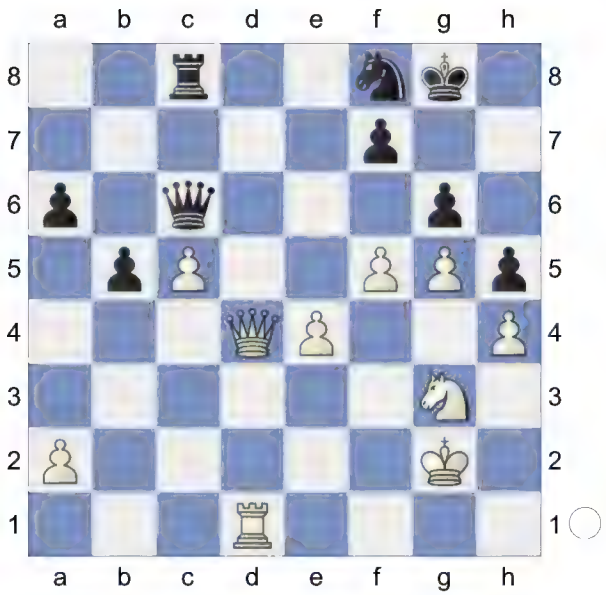
96 **A00**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2636**
■ **Sanal,Vahap** **2518**
Chess.com INT blitz (5) 07.08.2018
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3 Nf6N**
[6...e5 7.Bd5 Nge7 8.Nf3 Nb4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 Nbxd5 11.cxd5 a6 12.a4 b6 13.e4 Bd7 14.Be3 h5 15.g5 f5 The Grob-B: 1...c5 2006]
7.e3 a6 8.Nge2 The position is equal.
8...Rb8 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.b3 b5 11.Bb2 Qc8 0.65/13
[11...0-0= 0.13/10]
12.Ng3 h5 13.g5 Nh7 14.h4 0-0 15.Qd2 Ne5 16.0-0 0.32/13
[White should play 16.f4± 0.87/15 Ng4 17.Nd5]
16...Bh3± 17.f4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Ng4 19.Nd5 Qd7 0.93/11
[19...Qb7!± 0.33/8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7]
20.Bxg7± Kxg7 21.e4 e6 22.Ne3 The board is on fire. **22...Nxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Rfe8 24.Qd2 d5 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Qc3+ Kg8 27.f5 dxe4 28.dxe4**
[28.Qxc5? Rbc8 *(28...Qxd3? 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Qc6+-; 28...exd3? 29.Qf2-+)* 29.Qb6 Rc6-+ *(29...exd3 30.fxg6 Re6 31.gxf7+ Kf8 32.Qg1=)*]
28...Rbc8 0.99/22
[28...Qc6± 0.55/20]
29.Rbd1 Threatening mate with fxg6.
29...Qc6 30.Qf3 Black must now prevent fxg6. White is much more active.
30...Rc7 1.21/11
[30...Nf8± 0.61/11]



31.Rd5 0.77/9
[⌓31.e5! 1.21/11]
31...c4 32.b4 c3? 3.15/11
[Better is 32...Nf8± 0.46/11]
33.Rc5+- Qd7 3.65/17
[⌓33...Qb7 2.27/9 34.Qxc3 *(34.Rxc3 Rxc3 35.Qxc3 Nf8±)* 34...Rxc5 35.bxc5 Rc8]
34.Qxc3 2.06/9
[34.Rxc3? Qd2+ 35.Rf2 Qxc3-+]
[⌓34.Rd1 3.65/17 Qc8 35.Qxc3]
34...Rxc5 35.bxc5 Qc6? 5.35/14
Black is weak on the dark squares
[35...Rc8 2.59/8 is a better defense. 36.Qb3 Nf8]
36.Qd4 Rc8 37.Rd1 And now Qd5 would win. **37...Nf8**

(Diagram)

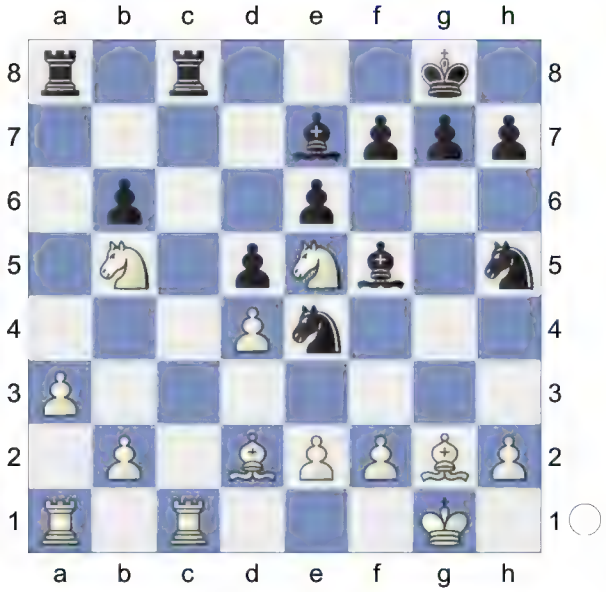


38.Rc1 fxg6 is the strong threat. **38...a5** 2.34/18
[38...Nd7± 1.13/5 keeps fighting. 39.Kh2 *(39.fxg6 fxg6 40.Rc2 Qe6±)* 39...Qc7 *(39...Nxc5?* perishes. *40.fxg6 fxg6 41.e5+-)* 40.fxg6 fxg6]
39.Qd5 b4 1.96/10
[39...Qc7± 1.56/9]
40.fxg6 Nxg6 41.Nxh5→ White attacks with force. **41...a4?** 5.10/22
[41...Nxh4+ 1.89/14 42.Kf2 Qc7 43.Nf6+ Kf8 44.Nd7+ *(44.e5 Rd8±)* 44...Ke8]
42.Qxc6 Rxc6 Endgame. KRN-KRN
43.Nf6+ Kg7 44.h5 Nf4+ 45.Kf3 Nd3 6.68/15
[45...Ne6 1.96/10]
46.Rd1 White is clearly winning.
46...Rxc5 47.h6+ Kg6 48.Rxd3 Rxg5 49.h7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.65. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=3 Black=10 Inaccurate: White=7 Black=5 OK: White=13 Black=11 Best: White=3 ---
1-0

97 **A00**
□ **Tari,A** **2636**
■ **Topuz,Mirac Melih** **2130**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (4) 27.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

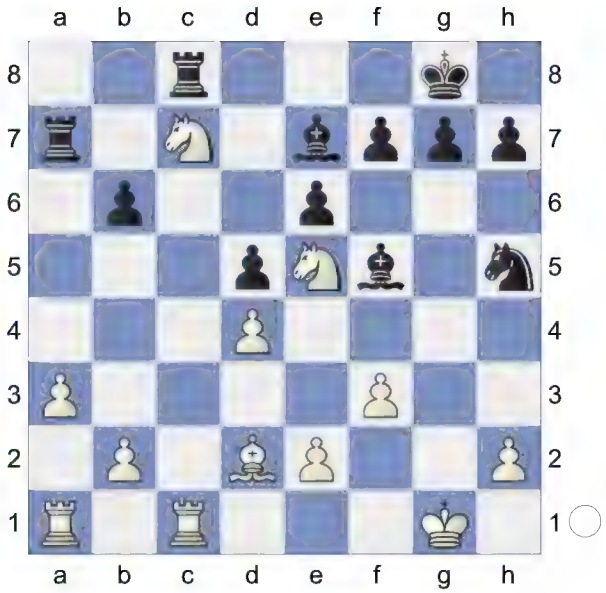
A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Bg2 Bxg4 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Qb3 e6! 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 8.d4 Black is clearly better.
[8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Nf3 *(9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 11.d4 Ra8 12.Qd1 Qb6 13.dxc5 Qxb5 14.Qd4 e5 15.Qd3 Qxd3 16.exd3 Nxc5 17.Bg5 Nxd3+ 18.Kf1 Rfb8 19.Bxf6 Rxb2 20.Bh4 Raxa2* 0-1 Bloodgood,C-Roberts,E Private Match 2000 (2)*)* 9...Bc5 10.d4 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 0-0 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.a3 Be7 15.Ne1 Nh5 16.Bc7 Ndf6 17.Be5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.h3 Bf5 20.Kg2 Rfd8 21.e3 Bh4 22.Nc3 f6 1-0 (42) Polliotto,A-Figeac,A (2155) Masters Montpellier 1998 (2)]
8...Be7N -1.09/23
[8...Rb8!-+ -1.75/20 9.Qa6 *(9.Qxa7 Bd6 10.Qa6 Rb6 11.Qd3* Grob,H-Wegmuller,F FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960*)* 9...Rb6 10.Qxa7 Bd6]
[8...a5 9.Bf4 Rc8 10.h3 Bf5 11.Qb3 Rc4 12.Nb5 a4 13.Qxc4 dxc4 14.Nc7+ Ke7 15.d5 e5 16.0-0-0 Qxc7 17.d6+ Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Kxd6 19.Bd2 Be7 20.Nf3 h6 21.Rd1 Ke6 22.Bc3 Ne4 23.Be1 0-1 (25) Grob,H-Gubler,E FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1965]
9.Nf3∓ 0-0 10.Bf4 -1.59/20 Inhibits Bd6.
[⌓10.0-0 -1.06/20]
10...Qa5 -0.30/20
[10...Nh5∓ -1.59/20 11.Bd2 Bd6]

11.0-0 Qb6
[11...Ba3 keeps more tension. 12.Rab1 Bf5 13.Bc7 Qb4]
12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Rfc1 Rfc8 14.a3 Nh5 15.Bd2 Bf5 16.Nb5 Ndf6 1.25/23
[Black should play 16...g6± 0.52/21]
17.Ne5± Ne4 1.96/25
[17...Rc2± 0.99/21 might work better. 18.Rxc2 Bxc2]

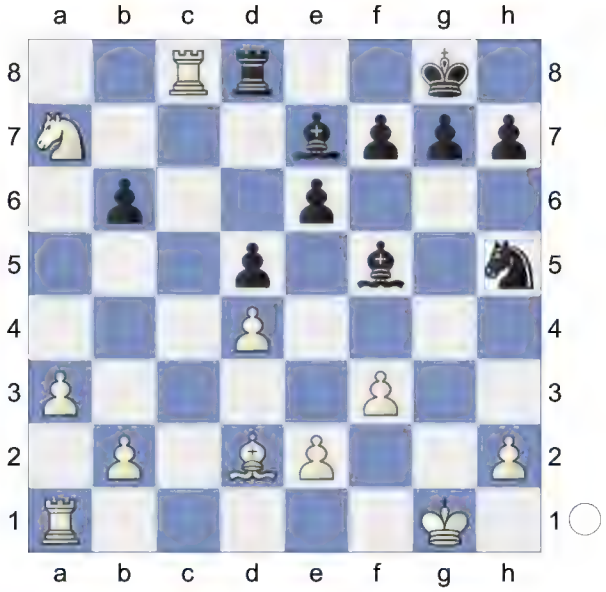


18.Bxe4!+- Bxe4 2.52/22
[⌓18...dxe4 1.92/24 19.Nd7 Rxc1+ 20.Rxc1 Bg4]
19.f3 1.11/26
[19.Nc6+- 2.52/22 Bf8 20.a4]
19...Bf5 2.14/24
[19...Rc2± 1.11/26]
20.Nc7 Excellent horsemanship. A mistake that costs the game. **20...Ra7** 6.31/26
[20...Ra4± 1.42/22]

(Diagram)



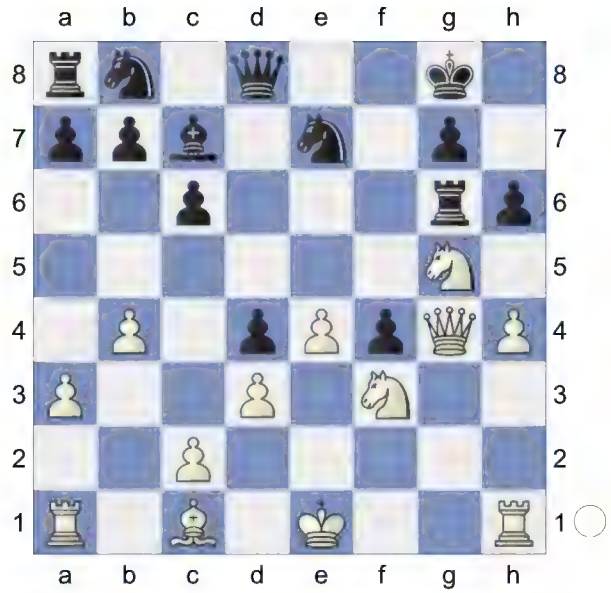
21.Nc6! White is clearly winning.
[Not 21.Nb5 Raa8±]
21...Rcxc7 22.Nxa7 Rd7 23.Rc8+ Rd8



24.Nc6! Pin, Double Attack **24...Rxc8 25.Nxe7+ Kf8 26.Nxc8 Nf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=1.15
27.Nxb6
1-0

98 **A00**
□ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2633**
■ **Donchenko,Alexa** **2569**
TCh-Top 12 2016 (10.1) 06.06.2016
[John Emms,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5**
[or 3.c4]
3...e5 4.h4
[4.d3 Bc5 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.0-0 Black's best chance in this line seems to be 11...Nh5 followed by 12...f5. Bluebaum's 15 Nc4 looks critical, but Donchenko's creative exchange sac worked very well. Donchenko plays it safe and soon a draw is clearly the obvious result. However, at this point Black is slightly better and could play more ambitiously with h6!? 7.g6?? f6! After 8.Nc3 Bd6 9.e4 Ne7 Black has good compensation for the small material deficit. Bluebaum decides instead to return the exchange. 10.Nh4 Be6 is obviously fine for Black. 11.Kh1 Nd7! 12.Qf3 0-0-0 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 h5± is uncomfortable for Black, Chatalbashev,B-Cvitan,O/Maribor 2015.]
4...Bd6 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 Be6N
[6...d4 -0.05/22 6...Na6 -0.82 7.Nd2 Bb4 0.55/24 *(7...Ng6= -0.23/20)* 8.a3 Ba5 9.b4 Bc7 10.Bh3 Bxh3 11.Nxh3 0-0 12.f4 -0.19/17 *(12.h5!± 0.33/22)* 12...exf4= 13.Qg4 f5 -0.01/11 *(13...Nd7∓ -0.56/13)* 14.gxf6= Rxf6 Threatens to win with ... Nd7. 15.Nf3 Black should prevent Rg1! Rg6 0.63/11 *(15...Qd7= 0.01/10 16.Qxd7 Nxd7)* 16.Nhg5!± h5! would now be deadly. h6
(Diagram)



17.h5! Rf6? 3.81/12 *(17...Rxg5± 1.31/11 18.Nxg5 hxg5)* 18.Ne6]
[6...0-0 7.Nc3 d4 8.Nce2 f5 9.gxf6 Rxf6 10.h5 Qf8 11.f3 a5 12.Bg5 Rf7 13.a3 b5 14.Ng3 h6 15.Bd2 c5 Schafer,H-Eden,T 1/101 Beverwijk 1966]
7.Nd2 -1.16/11
[⩀7.Nc3 -0.78/11]
7...Qc7
[7...0-0 -0.51/13 7...Nd7 -1.10 8.Bh3 The difference now is that Black can block on e5 and keep recapturing with pieces. Bxh3 9.Nxh3 f5 The critical test of Black's previous play. Strongly threatening ...Na6. 10.gxf6! An excellent move, and one that needs to be seen before playing 17...Re8. This exchange sac seems to solve all of Black's problems. Rxf6 11.exd5 -1.84/11 With two threats: ...Be5 and ...Bd2. (White should try *11.Nf1∓* -0.52/15) 11...Nxd5? 1.08/7 *(11...cxd5;* Better is *11...cxd5-+* -1.84/11 *12.c3 h6)* 12.Ne4± Rf7? 3.39/10 *(12...Rf8±* 1.12/11 is a better defense.*)* 13.Bg5? 0.00/15 *(13.Nhg5+-* 3.39/10 Hoping for Qh5!

Rc7 14.Qh5) 13...Be7 14.Qg4 Qa5+ 1.57/9 *(14...Qd7=* 0.29/10 keeps the balance. *15.Qg3 Qe6)* 15.c3? -0.21/9 *(White has to play 15.Bd2± 1.57/9 Qc7 16.Nhg5 Bxg5 17.hxg5)* 15...Bxg5? 4.23/12 *(15...Na6!=* -0.21/9 *)* 16.Nhxg5+- Rf8 17.Qe6+ #4/26 *(17.Rg1+-* 5.01/11 *Nd7 18.Qe6+ Kh8 19.Nd6)* 17...Kh8 18.Nf7+ Kg8 19.Nh6+ Kh8 20.Qg8+ Rxg8 21.Nf7#]

8.Bh3 This disruptive check remains the critical response to 7...Bg7. Black is better. **8...Bxh3 9.Nxh3 Nd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Qg4 Qd7** Gaining counterplay with ...f5 is Black's best chance in this line. **12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.exd5** -1.43/15

[⌓13.h5 -0.91/22]

13...cxd5∓ 14.b4 Ne6 15.c4! Nd4! -1.19/12

[Black should play 15...b5-+ -1.84/11 16.Bb2 a5]

16.Ra2! -1.81/11

[16.Rb1∓ -1.19/12]

16...a5-+ There's no other choice. Black is clearly better. **17.bxa5 Rxa5!?** The first new move. By pinning the bishops, Black prevents White from playing the awkward Bf4 next move and be better prepared for it the move after. **18.0-0 Ne2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise) . Mistake: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=1 Black=3 Best: --- Black=1

½-½

99 **A00**

□ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2620**

■ **Papp,Ga** **2591**

TCh-AUT 2018-19 (4.3) 18.11.2018

[Flear,Glenn, MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**

[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4.3)]

1...h5

[1...Nf6 2.g5 *(2.d4 Nxg4 3.f3 Nf6 4.e4 d5)* 2...Ng8 3.d4 d5]

[1...d6 2.Bg2 c6 3.e4 e5 4.Nc3 Ne7 5.d4 Got there in the end! exd4! 6.Qxd4! Bxg4 7.e5 Be6 8.Ne4 Nf5! Or perhaps 9.Qb4 Qd7 10.exd6 Missing a golden opportunity: Na6! 11.Qc3 Nxd6! 12.Nxd6+ Bxd6∓ and turns the tables. 13.Qxg7 0-0-0 14.Bg5 Rhe8 with a winning attack Either 15.Ne2 or Be7 16.Bxe7 Qd2+ were preferable, but White is clearly losing control. Although 17.Kf1 is the prudent way, then Qd1+ enables Black to win the b-pawn and thus give him some hope. However]

[1...g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 still feels difficult for Black due to his more vulnerable king. or 3.d4 d6 4.e4 c6 with ...Bc8 and ...Bf5 in mind, might have been

better. The only other try is 5.h4 (back again) e5 6.c3 with the usual assessment of 'decent practical compensation, but one shouldn't forget that a pawn is a pawn'! Worthy of investigation is the following: exd4 7.cxd4 Qb6]

[1...Nc6 2.Bg2 d5 3.h3 e6 4.b3 Qf6 5.Nc3 Serikbay, A - Calzetta Ruiz, M Batumi Olympiad 2018, with adequate activity for Black. Perunovic gives Bc5 6.e3⩲ After d4 unpinning with 7.Ne4 makes sense: Qe7 8.Nxc5 Qxc5 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.Nf3= e5 and now Black has a decent game without taking any real risks, but in a game that reached this position he was tempted by 11.c3?! d3 12.Qb1 e4! 13.Nd4 f5]

[1...e6 2.Bg2 d5 Dziuba, M - Jarmula, L Lublin 2017, and then had to work hard to save himself. Pushing the a-pawn looks like an unaffordable luxury here: 3.d4 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.g5 Ne4∓ Khademalsharieh, S - Zhukova, N Qatar Blitz 2016. Rarer is 7.Nc3!? but the rook does seem to have a future on the b-file in many of these lines: Be7 8.h4 f5 9.Bf4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e3 Bd6! Kuljasevic, D - Le Roux, JP Porticcio 2017, but White maintains the better chances. I've examined 14.Bxd6 in the past when Black doesn't seem to have too many problems (if he is careful!) e.g. Qxd6 15.f4 Qc5 16.Qd2 Rb8 17.c3 a5 18.Rf2 Ba6 19.Bf1 Bxf1 20.Kxf1 a4!∓ Keymer, V - Lauber, A German league 2018. 21.Kg2! is more challenging, but Rf5 22.h5 h6 still looks decent for Black 23.gxh6 gxh6 Sumets, A - Vaisser, A Cap d'Agde 2018, and now Black should play]

[1...g5!= 2.h4 transposes to the previous note. A fairly recent idea is gxh4!? 3.g5 Bg7 4.d4 d5 5.Rxh4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bf4 Nge7 8.Rh1 Nf5 9.e3 Qe7 10.c3 b6 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bb5 0-0-0= Tsvetkov, A - Shyam, SM Pardubice Rapid 2018. I'm not convinced that 10...Ba6 is better than the main line, but sets different problems and, due to its rarity, could be used as a surprise weapon. Papp however didn't want to repeat it on this occasion. or perhaps 13.Qa4]

[1...c6 2.g5 d5 3.h4 h6 4.d4 hxg5 5.Bxg5 Nd7! Baldauf, M - Papp, Ga Tegernsee 2018, with enough play to please most Benko fans, but the engine would prefer White as usual 6.Bg2 is highly tempting: f6 7.Bc1 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.Nf3 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Bf5 12.Bf4 g5± Javakhishvili, L - Tsiganova, M Baku Olympiad 2016, and Black had reasonable activity, but still... *(12...Ng6)* 13.hxg5!? Rxh1+ 14.Bxh1± fxg5 15.Bxg5 Bg7 16.e4 dxe4 17.Qh5+ Bg6 18.Qe2 e3 19.fxe3 Bxc3+ 20.bxc3 Qd5 21.Bxd5 Nxd5]

2.g5

[2.gxh5 Nf6 3.Bg2 A fine light-squared arrangement! d5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Rxh5]

2...h4

[2...e5 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 d5]

[2...g6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.0-0 Bxf3 7.exf3 e6 8.f4 Ne7 9.Nd2 Nf5 10.Nf3 Nd7 Best. The engine may give it as easily winning, but such positions are nerve-wracking when one's king is so exposed.

11.Bh3 Nd6 12.Ne5 Bg7 13.b3 Qb6 14.Ba3 Nb5 15.Nxd7 *(15.Bb2)* 15...Qxd4 16.Bc5 Qxa1 17.Qe2 Qc3 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kd8 20.Nf6 Bxf6 21.gxf6 Qxc5 22.c4 Qd6 23.Qf7 Nc7 24.cxd5 Rf8 25.Qxg6 Qxf6 Well, White's king has plenty of cover now, but Papp keeps on fighting. 26.Qxh5 Nxd5 27.Rd1 Kc7]

3.Bg2N

[3.d4 d6! The rook is secure here and can help in the preparation of b2-b4. 4.Qd3 g6 5.Bg2 The 'watching and waiting' strategy is all very well in many Benko scenarios, but here one's impression is that Black is just short of ideas. Bg7! *(5...Nc6 6.c3 Bd7 7.Na3 Qc8 8.h3 e5 9.d5 Nce7 10.Nf3 f5 11.gxf6 Nxf6 12.Bg5 Bf5 13.Qc4 Nfxd5 14.Nxh4 c6 15.e4 Nb6 16.Qd3 Be6 17.Qxd6 Rxh4 18.Bxh4 Nf5 19.Qd8+ Qxd8 20.Bxd8* Rahal,M-Schafer,H Warsaw 2009 *Rxd8 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.b4 Na4* Mehnert-Grob,H FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942*)* 6.h3 Nc6 7.c3 e5 8.d5 Nce7 9.e4 f5 The d6-square is becoming increasingly difficult to defend, so Papp decides on desperate measures. 10.gxf6 Bxf6 11.Nf3 Rh5 12.Be3]

[3.g6 The exchange and a pawn is objectively a decisive material advantage, but if Black can retain some lively pieces there is always the chance of a swindle. f6 *(3...fxg6* Now its settled down in White's favour again. *)* 4.e4 e6 5.d4 c5 *(5...Ne7)* 6.d5 Now N-b6 is threatened. Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.Qg4 exd5 9.exd5 Be5 10.f4 f5 11.Qe2 Bf6! Creative, and exactly the sort of tricky position that Bluebaum would have preferred to avoid. 12.d6?? This looks like time trouble panic! 0-0 13.dxe7 Bxe7?? 14.Qh5]

3...e5 4.d4 Be7 5.g6 f6 0.89/13

[5...exd4± 0.40/13 is superior. 6.Qxd4 *(6.gxf7+ Kxf7 7.Qxd4 Nc6-+)* 6...Nf6]

6.dxe5 c6 Wards off Qd5 **7.Nf3** 0.04/10 White is more active.

[7.Qd4± 0.65/13 d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Qe3]

7...d5 0.82/10

[7...fxe5= 0.04/10 remains equal. 8.Nc3 d6]

8.Qd4 -0.48/12 The second most popular and the best scoring of White's options.

[8.exd6± 0.82/10 Qxd6 9.h3]

8...h3∓ 9.Bf1 Bf5 0.32/12

[9...Nd7!∓ -0.65/10 10.exf6 Bxf6 *(10...Ndxf6 11.Rg1=)* 11.Qe3+ Ne7]

10.Rg1 -0.13/8

[10.Qf4!± 0.32/12 deserves consideration. Bxc2 *(10...Bxg6? 11.Qg4+-)* 11.Rg1]

10...Bxc2 0.90/10

[10...Nd7= -0.13/8]

11.Qf4!± Hoping for Nd4. **11...Bxb1 12.Rxb1 Qa5+ 13.b4** 0.32/9 A first for ChessPublishing.

[13.Bd2± 0.96/11 Qxa2 14.Rc1]

13...Qxa2± 14.Qf5 -0.48/11

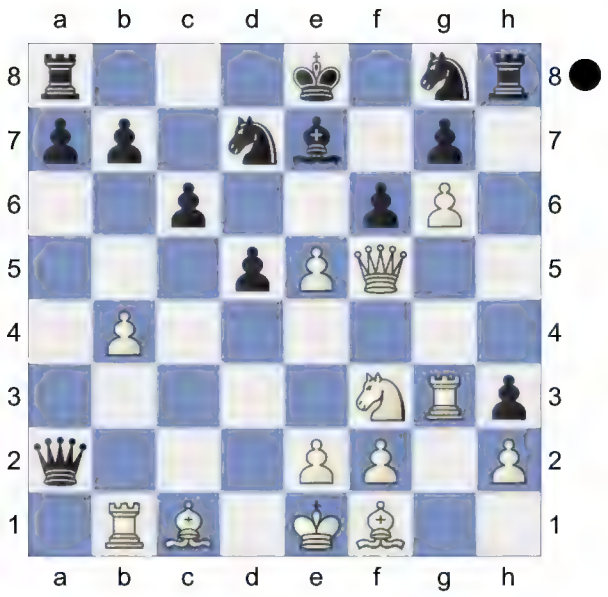
[14.Rb2± 0.39/10 Qa1 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nd4]

14...Nd7∓ ...Rh5! is the strong threat.

15.Rg3 -1.28/16

[White should play 15.Nd4∓ -0.55/10]

(Diagram)



15...Nh6? 0.78/12
[15...Rh5!∓ -1.28/16 16.Qd3 *(16.Qxh5? too greedy. Qxb1 17.e3 Qxc1+-+)* 16...Nxe5 *(16...fxe5? 17.Rb2∓)*]
16.Bxh6± Rxh6 17.Bxh3 0.49/11
[Only move: 17.Rxh3+- 1.72/10 Rxh3 18.Bxh3]
17...Nb6? 4.57/11
[Better is 17...0-0-0!± 0.49/11]
18.Nd2 2.72/9
[⌓18.Kf1 4.57/11]
18...Nc4? #10/17 A change of direction. It looks like Papp has decided that the knight is more comfortable on c7 when White hasn't already played a2-a4.
[18...d4+- 2.72/9 19.Rgb3 Kf8]
19.Qd7+ Kf8

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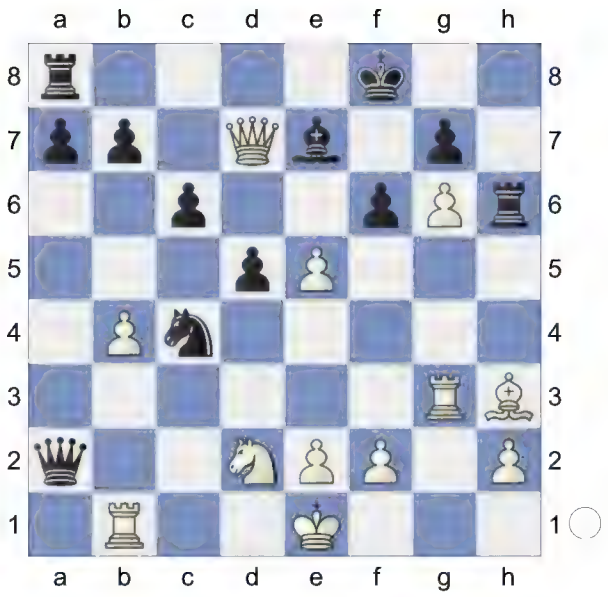


20.exf6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=1.20. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=8 Black=5 Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=1 Black=3 Best: White=2 --- Strong: White=1

1-0

100 **A00**
□ **kasparik_garik** **2612**
■ **Mamonyane** **1914**
Blitz 21.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Be6
[3...c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]
[3...Nf6 4.cxd5 c6 5.h3 Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6

12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Qa5 15.Rg1 Rab8 16.Rc1 Rb4 17.Qxc6 Qh5 18.Nd1 1-0 (55) RaspFish (3016)-InanisBot (2547) Rapid 2024]

4.Nc3N

[4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Rb8 7.Qxa7 c6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.d4 Qc8 10.Nf3 Ra8 0-1 Grishaev,I-Besukladov,O Moscow (Russia) 1996]

4...c6 5.cxd5 cxd5 0.02/20

[5...Bxd5∓ -0.46/20 6.e4 Bc4]

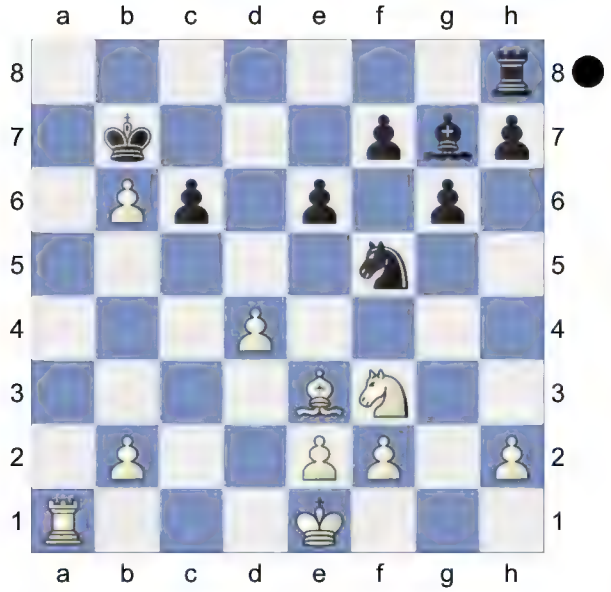
6.Qb3= Qb6 0.67/22

[6...Nc6= -0.08/20]

7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nxd5 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd5 9.Bxd5 Nc6 10.Nf3 e6 11.Bxc6+** 0.04/18

[11.Bc4± 0.48/18]

11...bxc6 12.d4 g6 13.Be3 Bg7 14.Kd2 Ne7 15.Rhc1 0-0-0 White should prevent ...e5. **16.Ke1 Kb7 17.a4 Nf5 18.a5 Ra8 19.axb6 Rxa1 20.Rxa1**



Kxb6 21.d5+? -3.60/22

[21.Ra4= -0.01/21 and White is okay.]

21...Nxe3-+ 22.fxe3 cxd5 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up.

[22...Bxb2? 23.Rb1 exd5 24.Rxb2+ Kc7 25.Kd2+-]

23.e4? -4.28/21

[23.Kf2 -2.62/19 was called for.]

23...dxe4

[23...Bxb2 24.Rb1±]

24.Ng5 f5

[24...Bxb2? 25.Rb1+-]

25.Nxe6 Be5

[25...Bxb2? 26.Rb1+-]

26.h3 Rb8

[26...Bxb2? 27.Rb1+-]

27.Kf1 Kc6

[27...Re8? 28.Ng5-+]

28.Ra6+ Kd5 29.Ng5 Rxb2 -1.38/22

[29...Bxb2? 30.Nxh7 Ke5 31.Ng5-+]

[29...Bd4-+ -3.42/22 30.Nxh7 Rc8 *(30...Rxb2? 31.Ra5+ Kc6 32.Ra4-+; 30...Bxb2 31.Nf6+ Kc4 32.h4∓)* 31.Ra5+ Ke6]

30.Nxh7? -5.28/23

[30.Ra5+∓ -1.38/22 was the crucial defense. Kd4 31.Ne6+ Ke3 32.Rxe5]

30...Bd4 31.Ra5+ Bc5 32.Nf8? -5.74/21

[32.Nf6+ -3.41/22 Kd6 33.Ra6+ Bb6 34.Nh7]

32...Kd6? -0.12/21

[32...Rb1+-+ -5.74/21 33.Kg2 Kc4]

33.Ra6+ -0.59/24

[33.Nxg6= -0.12/21 feels stronger. Rb1+ 34.Kg2]

33...Ke5 -0.01/23

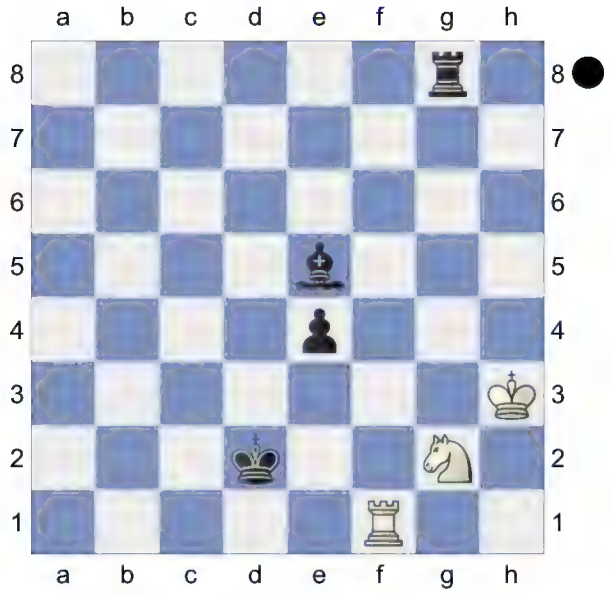
[Better is 33...Bb6∓ -0.59/24 34.Nxg6 Kd7]

34.Nxg6+= Kd5 35.Nf4+ Ke5 36.Ng6+ Kd4 37.h4 f4 38.Nxf4 Rb1+ 39.Kg2 Hoping for Ne6+. **39...Ke3 40.Ne6 Be7 41.Ra7 Bxh4 42.Rh7 Bf6 43.Rh3+ Kxe2 44.Nf4+ Kd2 45.Rh1** -0.83/25

[45.Rh7= -0.20/21 remains equal.]

45...Rb8 And now ...Be5 would win.

46.Rf1? -4.56/23
[46.Rh2∓ -0.51/24]
46...Rg8+-+ 47.Kh3 Be5 48.Ng2 -#19/29
[48.Nd5-+ -4.51/23 Rg3+ 49.Kh4]

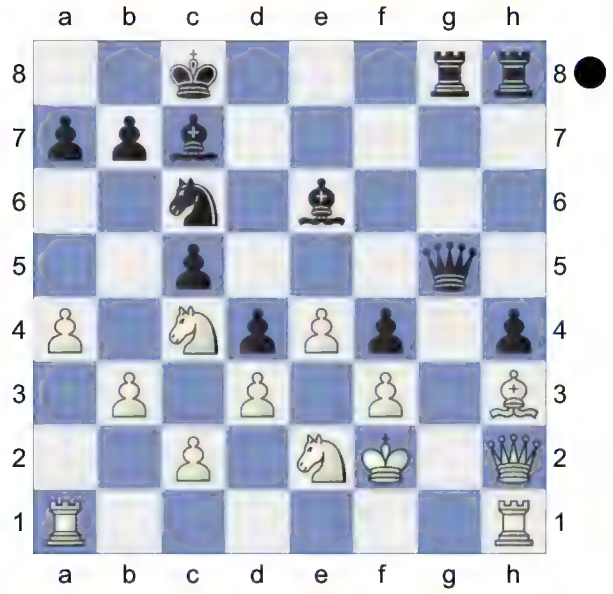


48...Rg3+ Black mates. **49.Kh2 Rf3+ 50.Kg1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.42
50...Bd4+
0-1

101 **A00**
□ **Bartel,Mat** **2609**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2661**
Titled Tue 21st Mar Late blitz (6) 21.3.23
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 h5N**
[3...e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bd6 *(5...h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7* 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)) 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3
A) 7...a5 8.Bd2 *(8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.h6 g4* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 8...a4 9.Nxa4 dxc4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Nc3 Na6 12.gxf5 Nb4 13.Qc1 e3 14.Bxe3 Bxf5 15.Ne4 b5 16.a3 Nbd5 17.Bd2 0-0 Oh,G-The Grob. Tales of a lesser;
B) 7...0-0 8.Bg5 f6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.d5 Bf7 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Rd1 Nc5 15.Qe3 Bxd5 16.b4 Na4 17.Qd4 Nb6 Lange-Beckett ICCF E Marl]
4.g5 e5 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nc3 Ng6 7.h4 Bg4 8.Nf3 -1.58/19
[⌓8.Bf3 -0.87/18]
8...Bd6 9.e4 d4 -1.11/21
[Black should play 9...Bc7-+ -1.71/20 10.Ne2 dxe4 11.dxe4 Qe7]
10.Ne2∓ c5 Black is much more active.
11.Ng3 Nf4 Dodges Bh3 **12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Ne2** -1.47/19
[⌓13.Nf5 -0.90/20 Be5 14.Bh3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3]
13...Nc6 14.Nd2 -1.74/20
[14.Qd2∓ -1.22/19]
14...Qe7 White is weak on the dark squares **15.f3 Be6 16.Nc4** -1.82/20
[16.Bh3∓ -1.13/21 keeps fighting.]
16...Bc7 17.a4 -2.33/20
[⌓17.Bh3 -1.61/19]
17...f6-+ 18.gxf6 Qxf6 19.Kf2 0-0-0 20.b3 g5 21.hxg5 Qxg5 22.Qg1

Rdg8 23.Qh2 h4 -0.94/25
[23...Kb8-+ -2.44/23 aiming for ... Bxc4. 24.Bh3 Bxc4 25.bxc4 Qh6 *(25...Qh4+ 26.Kf1-+)*]
24.Bh3∓



Qg3+? 1.09/26 Really sharp! **25.Qxg3??** -1.93/22
[25.Nxg3± 1.09/26 is forced if you want to stay better. fxg3+ 26.Ke2 gxh2 27.Bxe6+ Kd8 28.Bxg8 Rxg8 29.Raf1]
25...hxg3+-+
[25...fxg3+ 26.Kg2 Bxh3+ 27.Rxh3±]
26.Kg2 Bxh3+ 27.Rxh3 Rxh3 28.Kxh3 Rh8+ 29.Kg4 Rg8+? 0.01/21
[29...b6∓ -1.52/25 Threatens to win with ...Kd7. 30.e5 Nxe5+ *(30...Bxe5 31.Nxe5* Remove Defender *Nxe5+ 32.Kxf4∓)* 31.Nxe5 Bxe5 32.Nxf4 Rg8+ 33.Kf5 Bxf4 34.Kxf4 Kd7]
30.Kh3= Nb4 31.Rc1 -2.29/24
[⌓31.Na3 -1.71/23]
31...Kd7-+
[31...Rh8+ 32.Kg4∓]
32.Ng1 -3.48/26
[⌓32.Kg2 -2.15/23]
32...Rh8+ 33.Kg4 Rh2 34.Nh3 Rxc2
[34...Nxc2 35.e5]
35.Rd1 -2.97/22
[⌓35.Rxc2 -1.79/24 Nxc2 36.e5]
35...g2 36.e5 Ke6? 0.44/23
[36...a6-+ -2.99/24 37.a5 Rc3]
37.Kxf4? -4.22/24
[37.Nxf4+± 0.44/23 Kd7 38.Rg1]
37...Re2 38.Kg3 And now Nf4+ would win. **38...Bxe5+ 39.Nxe5?** -4.21/25
[39.f4 -2.60/23 Bc7 40.Kf3]
39...Kxe5 Endgame. KRN-KRN
[39...Rxe5 40.Nf4+ Kd6 41.Kxg2=]
40.f4+ -5.64/23
[40.Nf4 -3.89/22 was called for. Rd2 41.Re1+ Kd6 42.Kh2]
40...Kf5 41.Nf2 Rd2 ...Rxd1 would now be deadly. Deflection, Promotion **42.Rg1 Nxd3 43.Ng4 Re2** White must now prevent ...Re6. **44.Nh6+ Ke4 45.f5 Re3+ 46.Kg4 Nf2+ 47.Kg5 Nh3+ 48.Kg6 Nxg1 49.f6 Rg3+** -23.61/19
[⌓49...Nh3 -#10/19 50.Kf7 g1Q *(50...g1B? 51.Ke8-+)* 51.b4 d3 *(51...cxb4* leads to mate. *52.a5 d3 53.a6 Ng5+ 54.Kg8 d2 55.Kg7 d1Q 56.Ng8 Nh3+ 57.Kf7 Qd5+* Skewer, Deflection *58.Ke8 Qgxg8+ 59.Ke7 Qgf7#; 51...Ng5+ 52.Ke8 d3 53.Ng8 d2 54.f7 Nxf7 55.Nf6+ Kf5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *56.Kd7 Kxf6 57.Kc8 Re7 58.Kb8 b6 59.bxc5 Qg8#)* 52.Ng8 d2 *(52...cxb4 53.Ne7 d2 54.Ke8 d1Q 55.f7 Qxa4+ 56.Kf8 Ng5 57.Kg7 Ne6+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *58.Kf6 Qg7+ 59.Kxe6 Qe5#; 52...Ng5+* is a self mate. *53.Ke8 d2 54.f7 Nxf7* Discovered Attack *55.Kf8 d1Q 56.Nf6+ Kf5 57.Nd5 Qxd5 58.bxc5 Qxc5+ 59.Kxf7 Qg6#)* 53.Ne7 d1Q *(53...d1R* gets mated. *54.bxc5 Ng5+ 55.Kg6 Qh2 56.f7 Qh7+ 57.Kxg5*

Rg3+ 58.Kf6 Qh8+ 59.Ke6 Qe5#) 54.Kf8 Qd8+ *(54...cxb4 55.Ke8 Rd3 56.a5 Rd8+ 57.Kf7 Qd7 58.a6 Qg8#)* 55.Kf7 Qg5 *(55...cxb4 56.Ng6 Rf3 57.Ne7 Qg5 58.Ng6 Qgxf6#; 55...Ng5+ 56.Kg7)* 56.bxc5 Rf3 57.Ng6 Qgxf6#]

50.Kf7 Rf3 51.Ke6 Nh3 52.f7 Ng5+

Weighted Error Value: White=1.17/ Black=0.68. Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=10 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=11 Black=14 Best: White=4 ---

0-1

102 **A00**

□ **HiMiChess2** **2609**

■ **TheUndertaker_GOAT** **2604**

Rapid 12.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c5N

[3...c6

A) 4.d3 Bd6 5.Nd2 *(5.c4 Be6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.g5 h5 10.g6 f6 11.Nh4 Ne7 12.e4 d4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.0-0 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qb6 17.Nf5 0-0-0 18.Qf3 Nf8 19.a4 Nxg6* 1-0 (46) Carlsen,M (2853)-Dushyant,S (2345) Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz 2023 (1)*)* 5...h5 6.gxh5 Nf6 7.h6 Rxh6 8.e4 Be6 9.Ndf3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Rh8 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.h4 Nbd7 14.Bg5 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Qe7 16.Ne2 Kb8 17.Ng3 Nc5 18.Qf3 Ne6 1-0 (42) Nakamura,H (2768)-Bok,B (2618) Titled Tue 18th Oct Late blitz 2022 (5);

B) 4.b3 Bd6 5.Bb2 Ne7 6.e3 Nd7 7.d3 Nf8 8.Nd2 Nfg6 9.Ndf3 h5 10.gxh5 Rxh5 11.Ne2 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Rxh4 13.Ng3 Be6 14.Nh5 Nf5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Bb4+ 17.c3 Qa5 18.cxb4 ½-½ (98) Van Foreest,J (2714)-Goryachkina,A (2610) Titled Tue 29th Mar Late blitz 2022 (2)]

4.c4 Ne7 5.Nf3 Nbc6

[5...dxc4?! 6.Nxe5 Nbc6 7.Nxc4=]

6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.d3 Be7 8.Nc3 Black is slightly better. **8...Be6 9.Qa4 0-0 10.0-0 f6 11.Qb3** -1.22/19

[11.Qe4 -0.81/19]

11...Na5 -0.44/19

[11...Kh8∓ -1.22/19 ...Nxc3 is the strong threat. 12.Qa4 Rb8]

12.Qa4∓ Nc6 0.01/18

[12...Bd7∓ -0.53/19 13.Qc2 Be6]

13.Qe4 -0.84/19

[13.Qb3!= 0.01/18]

13...Nc7 -0.31/18

[13...Ndb4∓ -0.84/19]

14.Nh4! Ne8 15.Nf5 Nd6 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Qa4 f5 0.19/20

[17...Nd4∓ -0.60/20]

18.Bxc6= bxc6 19.Qxc6 fxg4 20.Qxc5 Qd7 1.39/22

[20...gxh3= 0.22/19 remains equal. 21.Ne4 Nf5]

21.hxg4!± Bxg4 22.f3! Rac8 1.67/19

[22...Bh3± 1.14/19 might work better.]

23.Qxe5+- Bh3 24.Re1 Rce8 25.Qh5 a6 1.07/20

[25...Be6!± 0.39/20]

26.Bd2 0.43/19

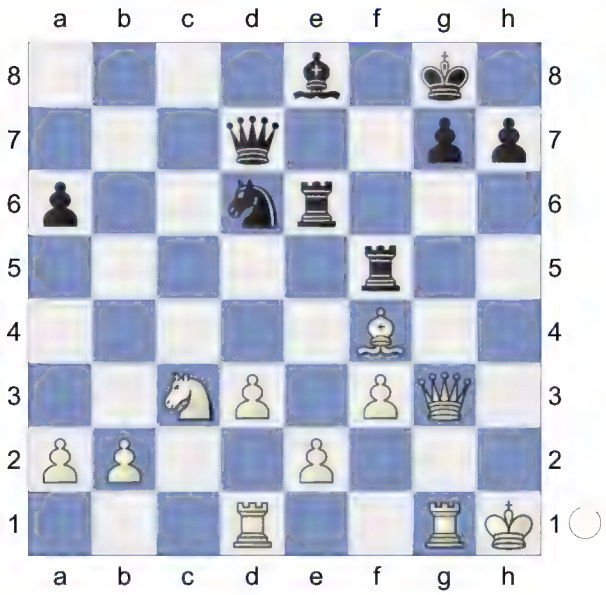
[White should play 26.Kh1± 1.07/20]

26...Rf7 1.38/20

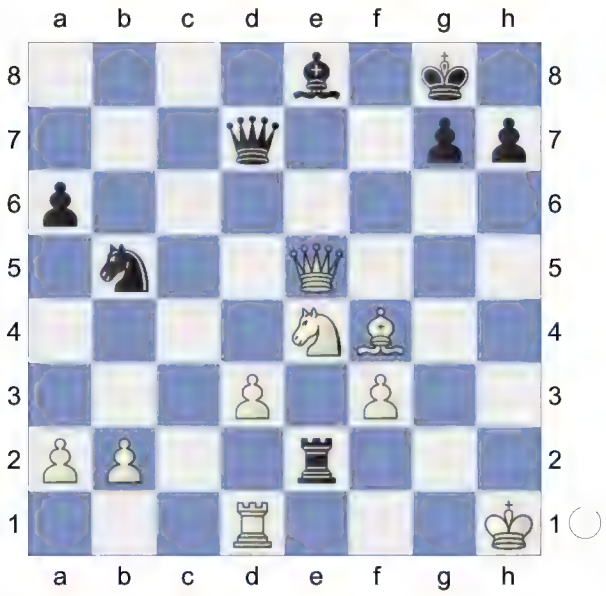
[26...Bf5± 0.43/19]

27.Kh1± Bf5 28.Rad1 Bg6 1.59/19

[28...Nb5 1.21/20]
29.Qg4! Rf5 30.Bf4 -0.05/19
[White has to play 30.Rf1!± 1.07/20]
30...Bh5!= 31.Qg3 Re6 32.Rg1 Be8 0.94/21
[32...Nb5= -0.01/21 33.Nxb5 Rg6]



33.Rg2!± Nb5 34.Ne4 Rg6 1.46/23
[Black should try 34...Nd4 1.05/23]
35.Qh4 Hoping for Rc1. A mistake that costs the game. **35...Rh5?** 4.12/20
36.Qxh5+- Rxg2 37.Qe5 Rxe2



(-> ...Qh3+) **38.Nf6+!** Discovered Attack **38...gxf6 39.Qxe2**
[39.Rg1+ Bg6 40.Qxe2 Nd4±]
39...Nd4 40.Qe3 Bh5 41.Rc1 Nxf3

42.Kg2 Against Qh3+. White is clearly winning. **42...Nd4 43.Rc7 Qg4+ 44.Kf2**
[44.Qg3 Ne6+-]
44...Ne6 45.Rc8+ Kf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.65
46.Qa7+
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103 **A00**
□ **jr_poison** **2606**
■ **KillerAnaconda** **2591**
Blitz 27.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.h3 e5 4.d3 Bc5N
[4...Be6 5.Nc3 *(5.a3 Qd7 6.b4 f6 7.Bb2 Nge7 8.Nf3 h5 9.g5 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.e3 Bd6 12.c4 Qf7 13.c5 Be7 14.b5 Nb8 15.Qc2 d4 16.0-0-0 Bd5 17.h4 Nd7 18.Bh3 Kb8 19.gxf6 gxf6* 1-0 (44) Carlsen,M

(2856)-Lazavik,D (2529) Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz 2022 (11)) 5...Bb4 6.Bd2 Nge7 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ng6 9.Nf3 h5 10.gxh5 Nf4 11.Bf1 d4 12.Bd2 Qf6 13.e3 dxe3 14.fxe3 Nxh5 15.Rg1 0-0-0 16.Ng5 Bd7 17.Qf3 Qxf3 18.Nxf3 f6 19.h4 1-0 (50) Hensel,O-Nisipeanu,L Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976]
[4...Nge7 5.Nc3 Be6 6.e4 h6 7.f4 exf4 8.Bxf4 Ng6 9.Bg3 Bb4 10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 dxe4 12.Rb1 b6 13.c4 f5 14.gxf5 Bxf5 15.Rb5 0-0 16.Rxf5 Rxf5 17.Bxe4 Rf6 18.Qh5 Qe8 19.Rh2 0-1 (29) Alonso,F-Shipman,W (2360) US Open-84 Pasadena 1983 (4)]
[4...h5 5.gxh5 Nf6 6.Nf3 Nxh5 7.Bd2 f6 8.Nc3 Be6 9.Nh4 Ne7 10.e4 d4 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 g5 13.Bf3 Ng7 14.Ng2 Qd7 15.c4 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nxd5 2. Grob Attack 1.g4-2.d3]

5.e4 dxe4 6.Bxe4 Nge7 7.Ne2 -1.84/19
[7.Be3∓ -0.81/20 Bxe3 8.fxe3]

7...Be6 -0.74/19
[7...f5-+ -1.84/19 has better winning chances. 8.gxf5 Nxf5 *(8...Bxf5 9.Ng3∓)*]

8.Nbc3 Black is better. **8...Qd7 9.Be3 Bb6 10.Qd2 0-0-0** -0.23/20
[10...Nd4∓ -0.88/19]

11.0-0-0 -0.67/18
[11.Bxb6!= -0.23/20 axb6 12.0-0-0]

11...h5 -0.19/21
[11...Nd4!∓ -0.67/18 deserves consideration.]

12.g5 -1.35/19
[12.Bxb6= -0.19/21 axb6 13.Qg5]

12...f5 -0.35/22
[12...Bxh3∓ -1.35/19 13.Bxb6 axb6]

13.gxf6∓ gxf6 14.f4 -0.97/20
[14.Bxb6!= -0.24/21 remains equal. axb6 15.h4]

14...Bxh3∓ 15.Bxb6 -1.35/21
[White should try 15.Kb1 -0.96/20]

15...axb6 16.fxe5 fxe5
[16...Nxe5?! 17.Qf4∓]

17.Ng3 -1.90/20
[17.Qg5∓ -1.20/19]

17...Bg4 18.Rdg1 Nd4 19.Qe3 -2.38/19 Prevents Bf3
[⌓19.Qe1 -1.98/18]

19...Rdf8 20.a3 Kb8 21.Kb1 -3.19/21
[⌓21.Rf1 -2.17/20 Rxf1+ 22.Nxf1]

21...Qd6 -1.69/19
[⌓21...h4 -3.19/21 22.Nge2 h3 23.Nxd4 exd4]

22.Qg5? -3.62/23
[22.Bg2 -1.69/19 was necessary.]

22...Rfg8 23.Qh4 -4.80/21
[23.Qc1 -2.58/21]

23...Nf3 -2.19/23
[⌓23...Ng6 -4.80/21 24.Qg5 Nf4]

24.Bxf3-+ Bxf3 -1.32/23
[24...Ng6!-+ -2.35/25 25.Qg5 Bxf3]

25.Rh2 -5.83/22
[25.Nge4∓ -1.32/23 is tougher. Qd4 26.Rxg8+ Rxg8 27.Rf1]

25...Qd4? -2.18/26
[25...Rg4 -5.83/22 26.Qh3 Rhg8]

26.Qxd4 exd4 27.Nce4 -3.32/24
[⌓27.Nce2 -2.29/23]

27...h4 28.Ne2 Bxe2 29.Rxg8+ Rxg8
[29...Nxg8 30.Rxe2 Nh6 31.Nf2]

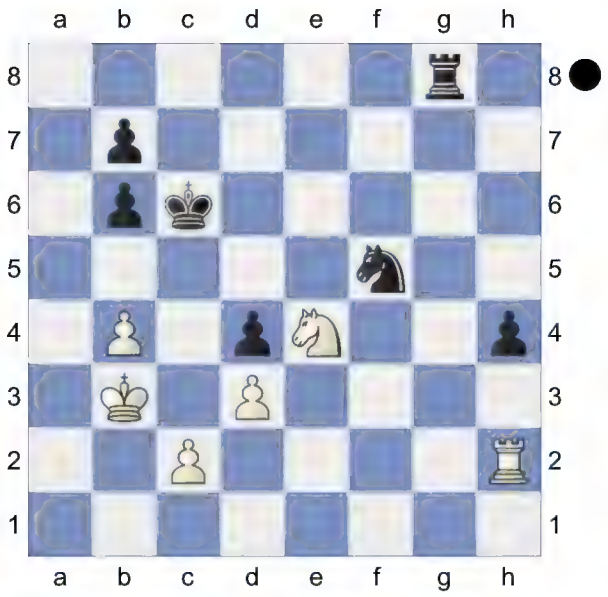
30.Rxe2 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **30...Nf5 31.Rh2** -2.45/21
[⌓31.Rf2 -1.97/22 Ng3 32.Ka2]

31...c5 -1.45/21
[31...Kc8-+ -2.45/21 32.b3 Kd8]

32.b4 cxb4 33.axb4 Kc7 34.Kb2 Kc6 -0.58/25
[34...Rg6-+ -2.03/22 35.b5 Kd7]

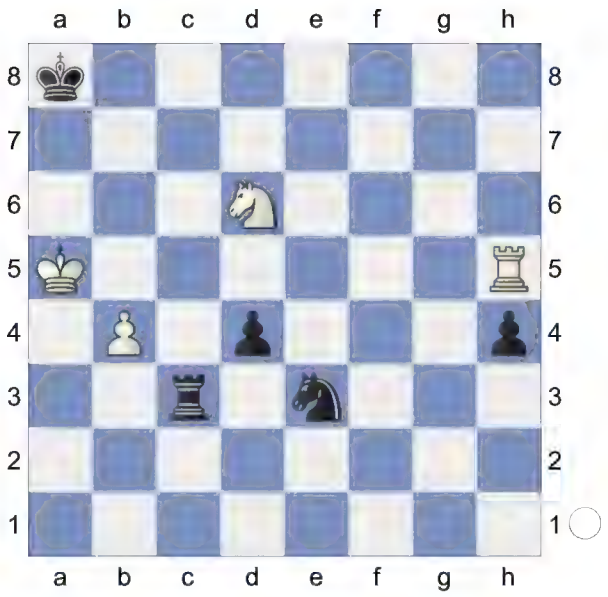
35.Kb3∓

(Diagram)



b5 -0.12/21
[Black should try 35...Rg6!∓ -0.72/23 ...Kd5 would now be deadly. 36.Rf2 Ne3]
36.Rf2!= Ne3 37.Rf6+ Kc7 38.Rf7+ Kb8 39.Nd6 Rg1 0.43/22
[39...Rd8= -0.01/24 40.Nxb5 *(40.Rxb7+ Ka8∓)* 40...Rh8 *(40...h3? 41.Rh7+-)* 41.Nxd4 *(41.Nd6? h3-+)* 41...h3]
40.Rxb7+ 1.44/5
[40.Nxb5± 0.43/22 b6 41.Nxd4]
40...Ka8± 41.Rxb5 Rb1+ 42.Ka2 Rc1 43.Rh5 Rxc2+ 44.Ka3 Strongly threatening Ka4!. **44...Rc3+ 45.Ka4 Rxd3 46.Ka5** Kb6! would kill now.
[46.b5!? Ka7□ 47.Rh7+ Kb6 48.Nc8+ Kc5 49.Rh5+ Nd5 50.Ne7+- *(50.Rxh4 Nc3+ 51.Kb3 Nxb5+ 52.Kc2 Re3∓)*]
46...Rc3? #18/28
[46...Ka7= 0.26/20]

(Diagram)



Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.77
47.Kb6!
[Weaker is 47.Rxh4 Rc6 48.Rh8+ *(48.Rxd4 Rxd6* Remove Defender, Decoy *49.Rxd6 Nc4+ 50.Kb5 Nxd6+=)* 48...Ka7 49.Nb5+ Kb7 50.Rh7+ *(50.Nxd4 Nc4+ 51.Ka4 Rd6=)* 50...Kb8±]
1-0

104 **A00**
□ **scaryminutes** **2602**
■ **Davidvova1958** **2432**
Rapid 17.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 h5 4.g5 e6N
[4...h4 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Nxe4 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Be4 Nd7 10.Qe2 Bb4 11.Bxf5 Qxf5 12.Ne4 0-0-0 13.a3 Bf8 14.d3 Kb8 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Nf3 Ng6 17.0-0-0 Nb6 18.Nc3 Bc5 19.Rdg1 ½-½ (30) Torres,M-Mastalerz,X 39/(122)

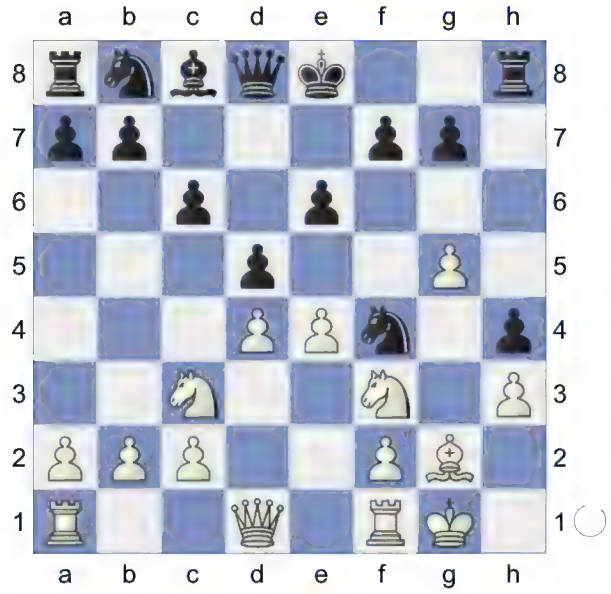
Hamburgo 1985 Nd5 20.Rg4 Bb6 21.Nd1 Bc7 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Kc8 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Bxe3 Rd5 26.Rg1 Rf5 27.Nd4 Re5 28.Rgg4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Bb6 30.Nf3 Bxe3+ ½-½ Skembris,S-Gheorghiu,F 1984]
[4...e5 5.d3 Bd6 *(5...Ne7 6.Nc3 Ng6 7.h4 Bg4 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.e4 d4 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.Nd2 Qe7 15.f3 Be6 16.Nc4 Bc7 17.a4 f6 18.gxf6 Qxf6 19.Kf2 0-0-0 20.b3* 0-1 (52) Bartel,M (2609)-Bluebaum,M (2661) Titled Tue 21st Mar Late blitz 2023 (6)) 6.c4 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bc7 8.Qb3 d4 9.Ne4 Ba5+ 10.Kf1 0-0 11.h4 Qc7 12.Qa3 Na6 13.Qd6 Bf5 14.Qxc7 Bxc7 15.Ng3 Bg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 g6 18.Bd2 Kg7 19.b4 1-0 (51) Nakamura,H (2749)-Sarana,A (2630) PRO League Group Stage 2019 (10)]

5.d4 Ne7 6.Nf3 h4 0.40/20
[6...Nd7= -0.29/18]

7.Nc3 Ng6 8.0-0 White has an edge.

8...Bd6 9.e4 Bf4 1.66/20
[9...Bc7± 0.41/18]

10.Bxf4+- Nxf4



11.Qd2! Ng6 12.Rae1 0-0 13.Nh2 0.95/22
[13.Ne5+- 1.63/22]

13...Nd7 1.42/21
[Black should play 13...c5 0.95/22]

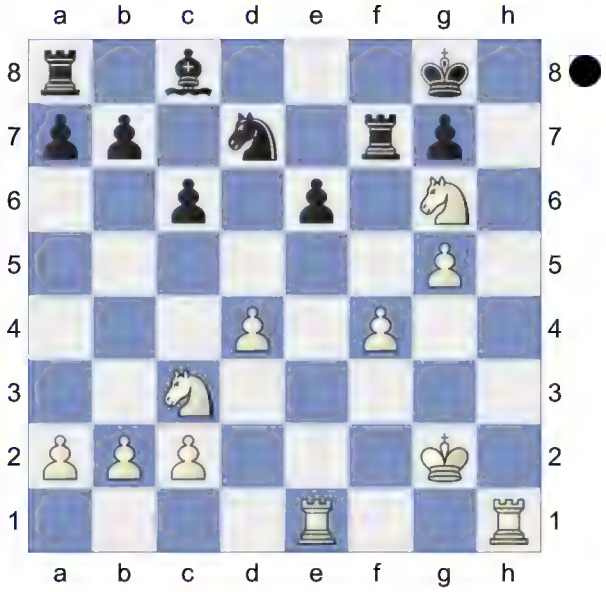
14.f4± dxe4 1.94/19
[14...f5± 1.32/22]

15.Bxe4+-
[15.Nxe4?! Nb6±]

15...Qa5 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Nf3
[17.Rxe6 Nb6 18.Re5 *(18.Rxg6? perishes. Bf5-+)* 18...Nc4 19.Rxa5 Nxd2∓]

17...Qf5? 5.42/23
[17...Rd8 2.37/19 is tougher. 18.Qd3 *(18.Nxh4 Nf8±)* 18...Nf8]

18.Nxh4 Qxh3 19.Nxg6 Qg4+ 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Rf7 Black is weak on the dark squares **22.Rh1**



Rf5 23.Rxe6 Kf7 24.Rd6 Nf6 25.Ne5+ Ke7 26.Rxf6 gxf6 27.Rh7+ Ke6 28.gxf6 Rxf6 29.Kf3 Kd6 30.Ne4+ A dynamic duo of knights. **30...Ke6 31.Nxf6** 14.12/26
[⌓31.Nc5+ #16/33 Kd5 32.c4+ *(32.Nxb7 Bxb7 33.Rd7+ Ke6±; 32.Ke3 Rf8+-)* 32...Kd6 33.Ne4+ *(33.Nxb7+ Bxb7 34.Rxb7 Ke6+-)* 33...Ke6 34.Nxf6 Kxf6 35.Rf7+ Ke6

36.Ke4 b6 37.f5+ Kd6 38.c5+ bxc5 39.Nc4#]

31...Kxf6 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **32.Rf7+ Ke6 33.Ke4** f5+ would kill now. **33...Kd6 34.Rf8 b6 35.f5** and Rf6+ should not be overlooked **35...c5 36.Rf6+ Ke7 37.Rf7+ Kd6 38.d5 c4 39.Nxc4+ Kc5 40.Rc7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=1.20

40...Kb5

1-0

105 **A00**

□ **HiMiChess2** **2601**

■ **Margarita2809** **2381**

Rapid 12.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.h3 h5

[2...e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d3 Bd6 5.c4 Be6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.g5 h5 10.g6 f6 11.Nh4 Ne7 12.e4 d4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.0-0 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qb6 17.Nf5 1-0 (46) Carlsen,M (2853)-Dushyant,S (2345) Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz 2023 (1)]

3.g5 Bf5N

[3...e5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Bg2 Qd7 7.a3 Nge7 8.b4 Ng6 9.Nf3 0-0-0 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 f5 13.gxf6 gxf6 14.Bd2 Rhg8 15.Rg1 Bxh3 16.Bxh3 Qxh3 17.0-0-0 Qe6 18.Kb2 ½-½ (70) Carlsen,M (2856)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz 2022 (9)]

[3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.c4 d4 6.d3 e5 7.h4 Ne7 8.Nd2 0-0 9.Ne4 Nf5 10.Qb3 Nd7 11.Nf3 Rb8 12.Bd2 b6 13.Qa3 Bb7 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 e4 16.dxe4 Bxe4 17.0-0 Nc5 18.b4 0-1 (40) Vovk,O (2315)-Korobov, A (2683) Bogdanovich Mem Final 2021 (4)]

4.Nf3 h4 5.c4 e6 6.cxd5 -0.58/20

[6.d4= -0.12/18 was preferable.]

6...exd5∓ 7.Nc3 c6 -0.10/20

[7...Nc6∓ -0.60/18]

8.d3= The position is equal. **8...Ne7 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Be6** 0.98/21

[Black should try 11...Bg6± 0.39/20]

12.Nd4± Ng6 13.f4 f5 is the strong threat. White is more active. **13...Bd7** 2.26/20

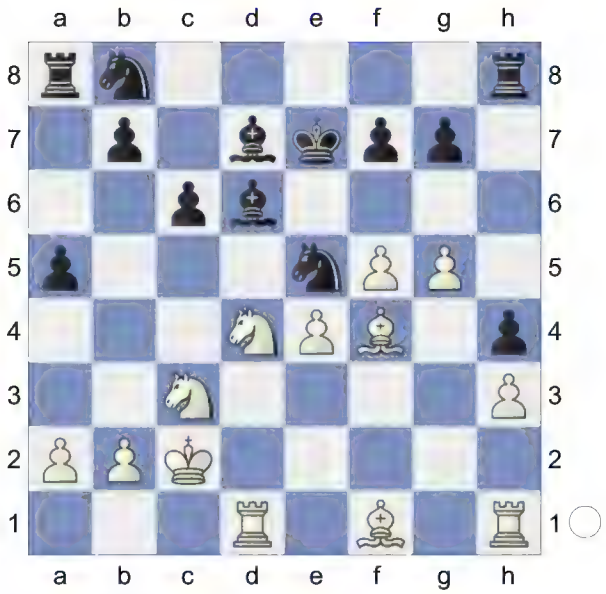
[13...Bc8± 1.17/20]

14.f5+- Ne5 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Kc2 Ke7 3.49/20

[16...Bc7 2.09/21 is a better defense. 17.Rd1 g6]

17.Rd1 a5 5.09/21

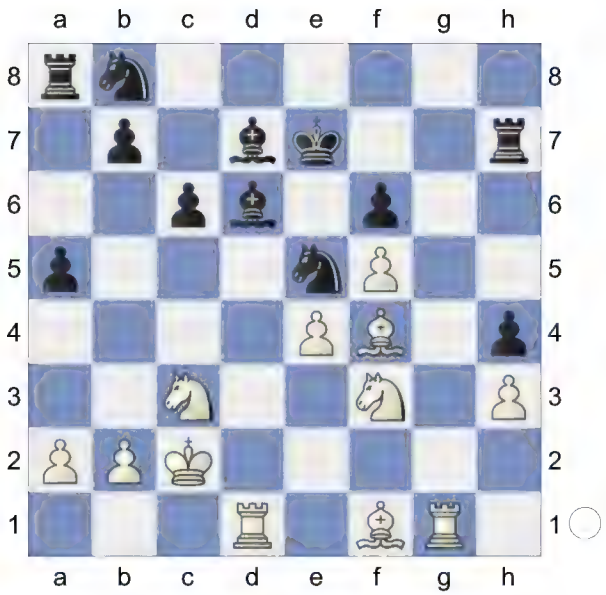
[⌓17...f6 3.47/19 18.Be2 Nf7]



18.Nf3! White is clearly winning. **18...f6 19.Rg1 Rh7** 7.76/21

[⌓19...Nf7 4.65/24]

20.gxf6+ gxf6



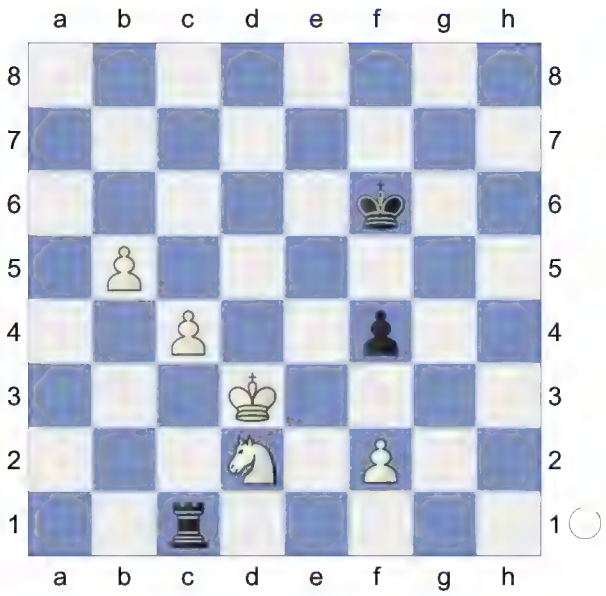
21.Rxd6! Kxd6
[21...Nxf3 22.Rg8]
22.Nxe5 Remove Defender **22...fxe5**
23.Rg6+ Deflection **23...Ke7 24.Bg5+**
A strong pair of Bishops. **24...Kf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=1.04
25.Bc4
1-0

106 **A00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Sklokin,Sergey** **2338**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.g5 e5
[2...c5 3.h4 Nc6 4.b3 e5 5.Bb2 h6 6.g6 fxg6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 Be6 10.Bf3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Qd7 13.Bg2 d4 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bf5 16.f3 Nb4 17.a3 0-1 (24) Shuvalova,P (2483)-Injac,T (2411) Swiss Queens Wed #26 2024 (9.56)]
3.d4N
[3.h4 Bc5 4.c3 Nc6 5.b4 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.b5 Na5 8.d3 c6 9.a4 a6 10.bxa6 Rxa6 11.Qc2 Bf5 12.Nd2 Ng6 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 Rb6 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.e3 h5 17.Ne2 Nxh4 (22) Grob,H-Schnirel,L FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1966]
[3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 *(4.h4 Bd6 5.c4 dxc4 6.b3 cxb3 7.Nc3 Be6 8.axb3 Qb6 9.Qc2 Na6 10.Ne4 Rd8 11.Nxd6+ Rxd6 12.Ba3 Rd7 13.Nf3 f6 14.0-0 Ne7 15.h5 h6 16.d4 Bxb3 17.Qd3 e4 18.Qxe4 Bd5* 0-1 (60) Hadzikaric,M (1762)-Ramazzotti,B (1835) Hyeres op 2013 (6)*)* 4...Nd7 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 cxd5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Qd4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 f6 12.gxf6 Qxf6 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.Bg3 Bf5 16.Nf3 Be4 17.0-0-0 Kf7 1-0 (59) Howell,D (2650)-Rustemov,A (2525) Titled Tue 28th Jun Late 2022 (8)]
3...exd4 4.Qxd4 c5 5.Qh4 Nc6 6.Nc3 -2.33/19
[6.Bg2∓ -1.30/19 is a better defense.]
6...Be6 7.Bf4 -2.45/19
[7.Bh3∓ -1.52/21]
7...Nge7-+ and ...Nf5 would now be decisive **8.Bg3** -3.65/19
[⌓8.Bh3 -2.27/18 d4 9.0-0-0]
8...Nf5 9.Qa4 a6
[9...Qxg5 10.Bg2∓]
10.e4? -5.49/19
[10.Qf4 -2.49/19]
10...Nxg3 11.hxg3 b5
[11...Qxg5 12.Nf3 Qf6 13.exd5 Qxf3 14.Rh2∓ *(14.dxc6 b5∓)*]
12.Nxb5 axb5 13.Qxb5 Bd7 14.exd5 -5.80/22
[⌓14.Bh3 -3.92/17]
14...Nd4 15.Qd3 Bf5 Discovered Attack **16.Qe3+ Qe7 17.0-0-0 Rxa2**

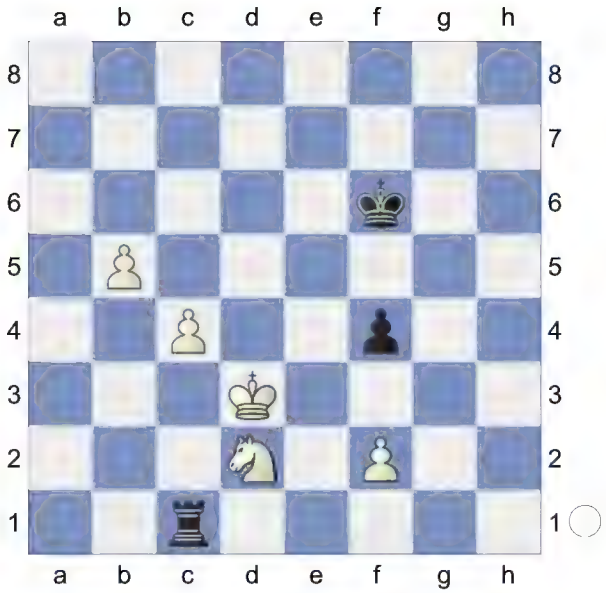
18.Qf4 -10.39/20
[⌓18.Bc4 -4.73/22 Ra4 *(18...Nxc2 19.Qxe7+ Bxe7 20.Bxa2±)* 19.Bd3]
18...Qd6? -1.64/22
[18...Bxc2 19.Qb8+ *(19.Bb5+ Nxb5 20.Qb8+ Kd7+-)* 19...Qd8 20.Bb5+ Nxb5 21.Qxb5+ Qd7 22.Qb8+ Qd8 23.Qxd8+ Kxd8 24.Kxc2+-]
[18...Qb7 -10.39/20 19.Kd2 Bxc2 *(19...Qxb2? 20.Bd3-+)* 20.Qe3+ Kd8 *(20...Be7? 21.d6-+* Pin *)*]
19.Rxd4 cxd4 20.Qxf5 Ra1+→ Skewer. Black goes for the king. **21.Kd2 Rxf1?** -0.01/20
[Black should play 21...Qb4+-+ -1.87/24 22.Kd3 Bd6 *(22...Rxf1 23.Qc8+ Ke7 24.Qc7+ Ke8 25.Qc8+ Ke7 26.Qc7+ Ke8 27.Qc8+ Ke7=)*]
22.Qc8+= Qd8 23.Qc6+ Qd7 24.Qa8+ Ke7 25.Rh4? -2.92/22 **f5-+**
[25...Rxg1 26.Re4+ Kd6 27.Qa6+ Kc7 *(27...Kxd5 28.Rxd4+* Decoy *Kxd4 29.Qd3+ Kc5 30.Qxd7±)* 28.Qa7+ Kc8 *(28...Kd8? 29.Qb8+ Qc8 30.Re8+* Deflection *Kxe8 31.Qxc8+ Ke7 32.Qc7+ Ke8 33.d6+-)* 29.Qa8+ Kc7 30.Qa7+ Kc8 31.Qa8+ Kc7 32.Qa7+=]
26.Nh3 Kf7? 0.01/17
[26...d3-+ -2.53/21 27.Rb4 dxc2 28.Kxc2 Kf7]
27.g6+= Kg8? 3.61/27
[27...Ke7= 0.00/22]
28.gxh7+?? -7.70/21
[28.d6+- 3.61/27 Qe6 29.Rxd4 *(29.gxh7+ Rxh7 30.Rxh7 Qe1+ 31.Kd3 Qd1+ 32.Kc4 Qxc2+ 33.Kxd4 Rd1+ 34.Ke3 Rd3+ 35.Kf4 Qc4+ 36.Kxf5 Rd5+-+)* 29...Qe1+ *(29...Qxg6? 30.d7+-)* 30.Kd3 Qd1+ *(30...hxg6 31.Qd5+ Kh7 32.Rh4#)* 31.Kc3 Qe1+ 32.Kb3 Qe6+ *(32...hxg6 33.Qd5+)* 33.c4]
28...Rxh7-+ 29.Rxh7 Kxh7? -0.01/21
[29...Qe7-+ -8.35/24 (-> ...Qe1+) 30.Rh4 Rc1 *(30...Qe1+? 31.Kd3-+)* 31.Rh8+ Decoy Kxh8 32.Qxf8+ Qxf8 33.Kxc1 Qb4]
30.Qxf8= Qxd5+- Endgame KQR-KQN
[30...f4!? 31.Ng5+□ *(31.Nxf4 Rxf2+ 32.Ke1 Rh2∓)* 31...Kg6 32.Qxf4 *(32.gxf4 Rxf2+ 33.Ke1 Rxc2=)* 32...Qxd5∓]
31.Qe7 -3.27/25 Prevents Qe5
[31.Qe8!= -0.01/22 and White has nothing to worry.]
31...Rh1? -0.01/22
[31...d3-+ -3.27/25 32.cxd3 Qa5+ 33.Kc2 Qa4+ 34.Kd2 Rd1+ 35.Ke2 Qc2+ Deflection, Double Attack 36.Kf3 Qxd3+ *(36...Qxb2 37.Qh4+ Kg8 38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Qh4+ Kg8 40.Qd8+ Kh7 41.Qh4+=)* 37.Qe3 Qf1 38.Ng5+ Kg6 39.Qe8+ Kxg5 40.Qe3+ Kh5 *(40...Kf6? 41.Qb6+ Kg5 42.Qe3+ Kh5 43.Qe8+ Kh6 44.Qh8+ Kg6 45.Qe8+ Kf6 46.Qf8+ Ke6 47.Qe8+ Kd6 48.Qg6+ Kc5 49.Qxf5+ Kb4 50.Qf8+ Kb3 51.Qxg7-+)* 41.Qe8+ Kh6 42.Qh8+ Kg6 43.Qe8+ Kf6 *(43...Kg5 44.Qe3+ Kh5 45.Qe8+ Kh6 46.Qh8+ Kg6 47.Qe8+ Kf6 48.Qf8+ Ke6 49.Qe8+ Kd6 50.Qf8+ Kc6 51.Qc8+ Kb5 52.Qxf5+ Kb4 53.Qf7-+)* 44.Qf8+ Ke6 *(44...Kg6? 45.Qe8+ Kf6 46.Qf8+ Ke6 47.Qe8+ Kd6 48.Qg6+ Kc5 49.Qxf5+ Kb4 50.Kg4-+)* 45.Qe8+ Kd6 46.Qf8+ Kc6 47.Qe8+ Rd7 48.Qc8+ Kd6 49.Qb8+ Ke6 50.Qe8+ Re7 51.Qc8+ Kf6 52.Qf8+ Rf7 53.Qd6+ Kg5]
32.Ng5+= Kh6! 33.Qe6+
[33.Nf7+ seems wilder. Kg6 34.Ne5+ Kh7 35.Qe8]

33...Qxe6!
[33...Kxg5? 34.Qxd5 Rh8 35.Qxd4+-]
34.Nxe6 KR-KN **34...Rb1 35.b3 Rf1 36.Ke2 Rb1**
[36...d3+!? 37.Kxd3 *(37.Kxf1? dxc2 38.Kg2 c1Q-+; 37.cxd3 Rb1∓)* 37...Rxf2-+]
37.Nxd4 Kg6 0.61/24
[37...Kg5= 0.20/26]
38.c3 0.01/25
[Better is 38.Kd3± 0.61/24]
38...Kf6 39.b4 g5 40.Ke3 Ke5 41.Nf3+ Kf6 42.Nd2 Rc1 43.c4 Rc3+ 44.Kd4 Rc2 45.Kd3 Rc1 0.54/25
[45...Ra2= 0.08/25]
46.b5± f4? 8.76/23
[46...Ke7± 0.38/25]
47.gxf4+- gxf4



48.Ke4? -0.01/28
[48.b6!+- 8.56/24 Rh1 49.Kd4]
48...Rc2= 49.Kd3 Rc1

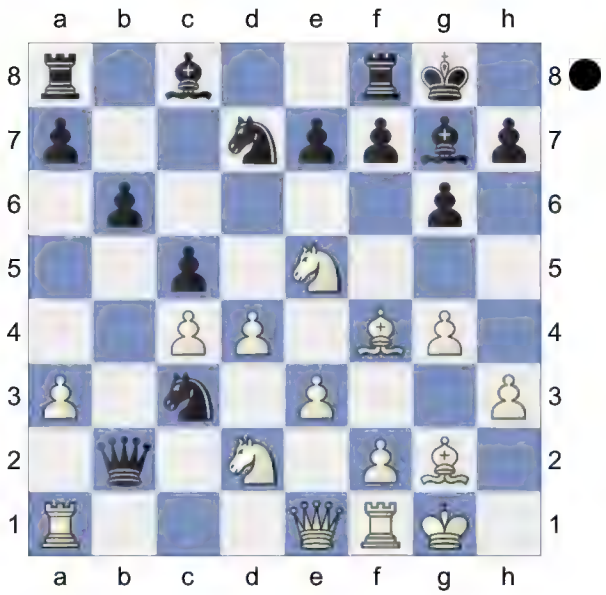
(Diagram)



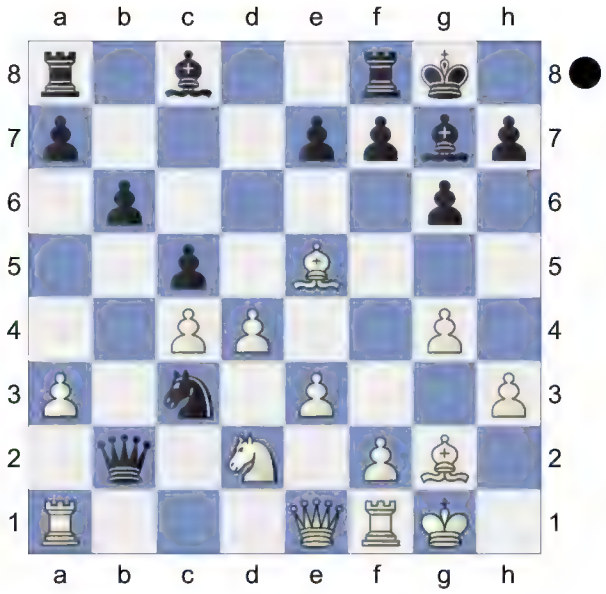
50.Kd4? 0.01/26
[50.b6!+- 8.50/23 Rh1 51.Kd4]
50...Rd1 51.Kc3 Rc1+ 0.60/28
[51...Ke7!= 0.01/28]
52.Kb4 0.12/26
[52.Kb2!± 0.60/28 is superior. Rh1 53.Ne4+ Ke5 54.f3]
52...Rc2 53.Ne4+ Ke5 0.72/27
[53...Ke7= 0.30/26]
54.f3± Rb2+? 7.16/25
[54...Ke6± 0.73/24]
55.Kc5+- aiming for b6. White is clearly winning. **55...Rb1 56.b6 Rb2 57.Kc6 Kd4 58.c5 Ke3 59.Ng5 Kd4 60.b7 Ke5 61.Kc7 Kd5 62.c6**
[Stronger than 62.b8B Kxc5 63.Kc8 Kd4±]
62...Kc5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/ Black=1.13
63.Ne6+
1-0

107 **A00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2598**
■ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2599**
Titled Tuesday 12th Jan blitz (11)
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 g6N**
[3...e5 4.d4 e4 *(4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3* 1-0 5. ♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7. ♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005*)* 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3
A) 7...a5 8.Bd2 *(8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.h6 g4* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 8...a4 9.Qc2 f5 10.e3 0-0 Oh,G-The Grob. Just say no to tas;
B) 7...h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 Boenisch,M olm2 qual GP2 B2 corr 1948]
4.d4 Bg7 5.Bf4 Qb6 6.e3 Nd7 7.Nf3 Ngf6 0.00/21
[7...h5!∓ -0.48/22 feels stronger.]
8.b3 -0.39/26
[8.Nbd2= 0.00/21]
8...Ne4 9.0-0 0-0 0.52/24
[9...h5= -0.23/19]
10.c4 -0.02/17
[10.Nbd2± 0.52/24]
10...dxc4!= 11.bxc4 Qb2 Wards off Qc2 **12.Nbd2 Nc3 13.Qe1 c5 14.a3 b6 15.Ne5**

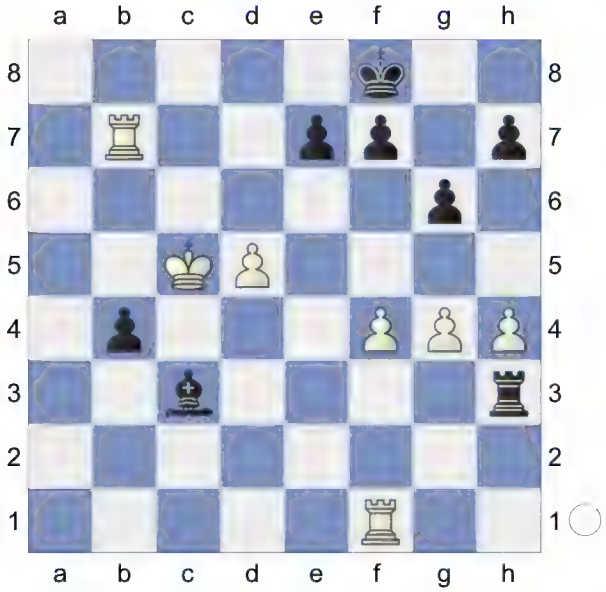


Nxe5! 16.Bxe5
[16.dxe5 Rb8]

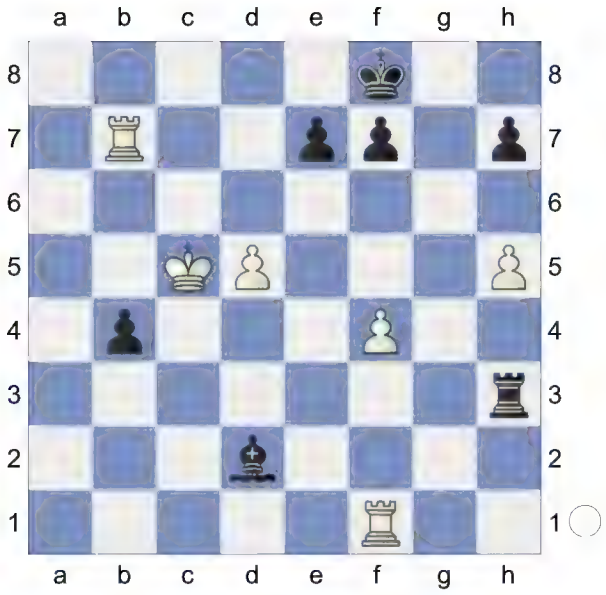


16...Bxe5 17.Bxa8
[17.dxe5 Rd8]
17...cxd4 18.exd4 Bxd4 19.Bf3 -1.85/20 White is weak on the dark squares
[19.Kh1∓ -1.14/20 might work better.]
19...Be6 -0.49/20
[Black should play 19...Rd8-+ -1.85/20 Hoping for ...Be6. 20.Kh1 *(20.Qxe7?*

perishes. *Bf6-+)* 20...Bg7]
20.Rc1? -2.18/17
[20.Qc1∓ -0.49/20 Qxc1 21.Raxc1]
20...Qxa3-+ 21.Kg2 Rd8 22.Ra1 Qb2 -0.15/10
[22...Na2-+ -1.79/11 23.Rd1 Qa4]
23.Rxa7= Bf6 A strong pair of Bishops.
24.Ne4 Nxe4 25.Qxe4 Rd4 26.Qb1
[26.Rb1 is more complex. Qc3 27.Qa8+ Kg7 28.Rxb6 Bxc4 29.Rb8]
26...Rd2 27.Qxb2 Rxb2 28.Bd5 Bxd5+ 29.cxd5 Endgame. KRR-KRB
29...b5 30.Rb7 b4 31.Kf3 Kf8 32.Ke4 Bc3 33.f4 Re2+ 34.Kd3 Rd2+ 35.Kc4 Rd4+ 0.98/11
[35...Rc2!± 0.53/11 was preferrable.]
36.Kc5± White is more active. **36...Rd3 37.h4** 0.36/10
[37.Rb8+± 0.99/10 Kg7 38.Re8]
37...Rh3 1.32/11
[37...f5!± 0.36/10]



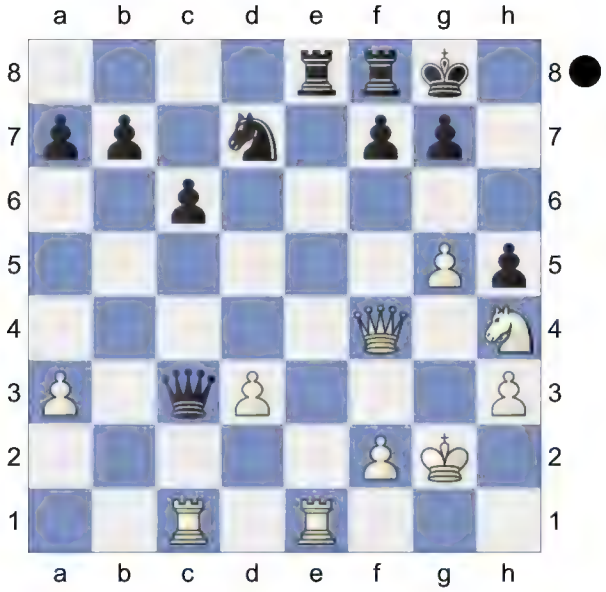
38.h5 0.19/8 **gxh5= 39.gxh5 Bd2?** 3.42/8
[39...Rxh5= 0.29/9 40.Kc6 Rh6+ 41.Kc5 Rh5]



40.Kc6!+- Strongly threatening Kd7.
40...b3? 3.80/11
[40...f6 2.21/9 41.h6 Rc3+ 42.Kd7 Rd3]
41.Rg1? 0.00/11
[41.Rb8++- 3.80/11 Kg7 42.Kd7]
41...f5? 12.66/11
[41...Bxf4= 0.00/11 42.Rb1 Rxh5]
42.Rb8+ White is clearly winning.
42...Kf7 43.Rgg8 Rc3+ 44.Kd7 Rc7+ 45.Kxc7 Bxf4+ 46.Kd7 Bxb8 47.Rxb8
Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.45.
Loses game: White=1 Black=2
Missed win: White=1 Black=1
Mistake: White=5 Black=6
Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=12 Black=10 Best: White=3 Black=1 Strong: White=1 Black=2
1-0

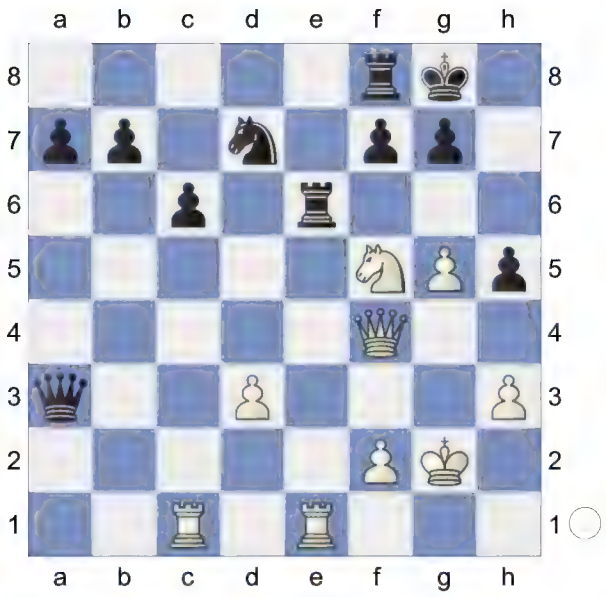
108 **A00**
□ **Santi_garzon** **2598**
■ **jgeg** **2654**
Blitz 21.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.c4 dxc4 4.h3
[4.Na3 Bxg4 5.Nxc4 Be6 6.b3 Nf6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nf3 g6 9.Ng5 Bd5 10.e4 Bxc4 11.bxc4 e5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.d4 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.e5 Nh5 16.f4 Nc5 17.Qg4 Ng7 18.f5 Nxf5 1-0 (49) Beerdsen,T (2494)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2591) Titled Tue 14. Jun Early 2022 (3)]
4...h5 5.g5 e5 6.d3N
[6.h4 Be6 7.Qc2 Nd7 8.g6 f5 9.e4 Qf6 0-1 Grob,H-Stuber,P FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960]
6...cxd3 7.exd3 Bb4+ 8.Nc3
Black is clearly better. **8...Ne7 9.Nf3 Ng6 10.0-0 Be6** -1.02/18 Black is more active.
[⌓10...0-0 -1.44/18 11.Re1 Nd7]
11.Re1 -1.78/17
[11.d4∓ -1.02/18]
11...Nd7-+ 12.Qa4 -2.25/17
[12.a3∓ -1.54/18 Bxc3 13.bxc3]
12...Qa5 13.Qc2 -2.32/19
[⌓13.Qxa5 -1.80/17 Bxa5 14.Be3]
13...0-0 14.a3 -2.47/19
[⌓14.Bd2 -1.95/17]
14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nf4? -0.52/17
[15...Bf5-+ -2.89/17 and ...Rad8 would now be decisive 16.Re3 Rad8]
16.Bxf4∓ exf4 17.Qd2 -1.17/17
[17.g6∓ -0.45/19]
17...Bd5 -0.50/18
[17...Rae8∓ -1.17/17 18.Qxf4 Qxc3]
18.Qxf4 -1.89/20
[18.c4∓ -0.50/18 Qxd2 19.Nxd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2]
18...Qxc3-+ 19.Nh4? -3.27/19
[19.Rab1∓ -1.51/18]
19...Bxg2
[19...Qxd3 20.Nf5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2±]
20.Kxg2 Rae8
[20...Qxd3? 21.Rad1 Nc5 *(21...Qc3? 22.Re3+-)* 22.Rxd3 Nxd3 23.Qe4 Nxe1+ 24.Qxe1+-]
21.Rac1



Qxa3? -0.23/18
[21...Qxd3 22.Red1 Qe4+ 23.Qxe4 Rxe4 24.Rxd7 Rxh4 25.Rxb7=]
[21...Qa5!-+ -2.51/21 22.Nf3 Nb6 *(22...Qxa3 23.Qd4∓)*]
22.Nf5!= Re6 0.71/21
[22...Qxd3? 23.Rcd1 Qb3 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 *(24...Qxd1? 25.Ne7+ Kh7 26.Rxf8+-)* 25.Rxd7+-]
[22...Qa5∓ -0.32/23 23.Ne7+ Kh8]

(Diagram)



23.Ra1? -2.36/22
[23.Qd4!± 0.71/21 is forced if you want to stay better. Ne5 Deflection 24.Rxe5 Qxc1 25.h4]
23...Qc5 -1.27/20
[23...Qxd3-+ -2.36/22 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Rxe6 fxe6]
24.Rac1? -6.73/23
[24.d4∓ -1.27/20 Qd5+ 25.Kh2]
24...Qd5+-+ 25.f3 Rfe8 Against Ne7+ **26.Rxe6 fxe6 27.Ng3 Rf8 28.Qe4 h4 29.Ne2 Qxg5+ 30.Kf2 Qf5 31.Qe3 Ne5 32.Rg1 Nxf3 33.Rg4 Ne5+ 34.Rf4 Nxd3+**
[34...Qxd3 35.Qxe5 Rxf4+ *(35...Qxh3 36.Rxf8+* Remove Defender *Kxf8 37.Qb8+ Kf7 38.Qxb7+ Kf6 39.Qb2+ e5 40.Qb4∓)* 36.Nxf4 Qc2+ 37.Kf3=]
35.Kf3 Nxf4 36.Nxf4 KQR-KQN **36...e5 37.Qb3+ Kh7 38.Kg2 Qxf4 39.Qb1+ e4 40.Qe1 Qf3+ 41.Kg1 e3 42.Qxh4+ Kg8 43.Qc4+ Qf7 44.Qe2 Qf2+ 45.Qxf2 exf2+?** 0.00/5 KR-KP
[45...Rxf2 -#5/12 mates 46.h4 Kh7 47.h5 Kh6 48.Kh1 e2 49.Kg1 e1Q#]
46.Kf1? -#6/14
[46.Kh2= 0.00/5 Rf3 *(46...f1R* is a self mate. *47.Kg3 R8f3+ 48.Kg4 Kh7 49.Kh5 Rg1 50.Kh4 g5+* Deflection *51.Kh5 Rxh3#)* 47.h4 f1Q 48.h5 Rh3#]
46...Rf6 -34.71/5
[⌓46...Rf3 -#6/14 47.h4 g6 48.h5 gxh5 49.Ke2 f1Q+ 50.Kd2 Qg2+ 51.Ke1 Rf1#]
47.h4 a5 48.h5 a4 49.h6 gxh6 (-> ...Rf3) **50.Kg2 f1Q+ 51.Kg3 Qf3+ 52.Kh2 Qg4 53.Kh1 Rf5 54.Kh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.69
54...Rh5#
0-1

109 **A00**
□ **Gareyev,Timur** **2591**
■ **Moiseenko,A1.** **2579**
Chess.com RCC Wk18 Swiss (4) 11.6.22
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.c4**
[3.d4 e4 4.h3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.c4 Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxe4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 h5 11.g5 Be6 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.Rd1 b5 16.a3 Ba7 17.Be1 0-0 1-0 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2240)-C22: 10 Ne2 CSSR 5/394 1968 (4)]
3...d4N
[3...dxc4 4.Qa4+
A) 4...c6 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Qd4 *(6...Bd6 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.h3 Nd7 9.d4 a5 10.Qc2 0-0-0 11.Nc3 f6 12.e4 Ne7 13.Bd2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nc5 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.Ne2 Ng6 17.0-0-0 Nh4* Grob,H-Nn Unknown Player FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1963*)* 7.h3 Qxc3

8.Nxc3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.d3 h6 11.Bd2 Nbd7 12.a3 Nd5 13.b4 a6 14.Rc1 f6 15.Nh4 Nf8 16.0-0 g5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.gxf5 Ne7 19.Ne4 0-1 Jung,L-Noras,P (1956) Rheinland Pfalz op 8th 2016 (6);

B) 4...Bd7 5.Qxc4 Nc6 6.Nc3 h5 7.Bd5 Qe7 8.g5 0-0-0 9.Nf3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 Bc6 12.Qc4 Rxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxg5 14.e4 Nf6 15.Nxf6 Qxf6 #5 15a) English Reti and Sidelin-Grob Opening: 1.g4]

4.b4 a5 5.Qa4+ Nd7 6.Ba3 c6 7.b5 Bxa3 8.Nxa3 -3.06/20

[⌓8.Qxa3 -1.67/17 cxb5 9.cxb5]

8...Nc5-+ 9.Qc2 Ne7

[9...Bxg4 10.bxc6 Ne7 11.cxb7∓]

10.Nf3 Ng6

[10...Bxg4 11.Nxe5 Bf5 12.d3-+]

11.bxc6 bxc6

[Less strong is 11...Bxg4 12.cxb7 Rb8 *(12...Nxb7 13.Qe4±)* 13.d3-+]

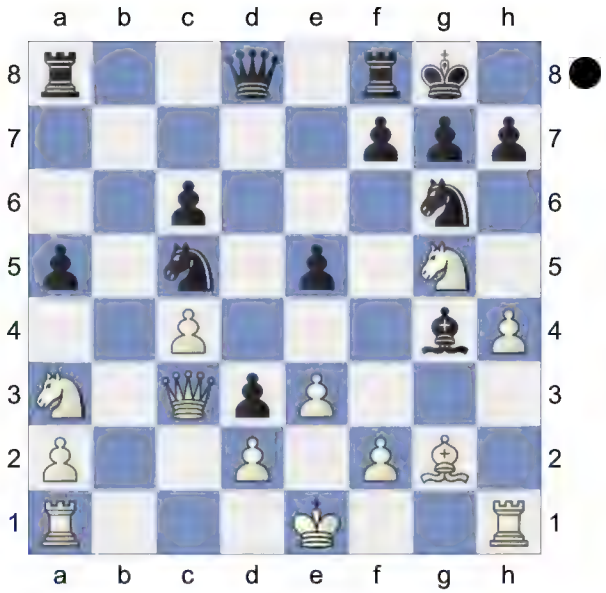
12.Ng5 0-0

[12...Qxg5 13.Bxc6+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ *(14.Bxa8? loses. 0-0-+)* 14...Nxd7 *(14...Kxd7? 15.f3-+)* 15.Nb5]

13.h4 d3 Black is clearly winning.

14.Qc3 Bxg4 15.e3

(Diagram)



Nxh4! Remove Defender **16.Qxe5**

[16.f4 exf4]

16...Nxg2+ 17.Kf1 f6 18.Qh2 fxg5 19.Qxh7+ Kf7 20.Rh6 Nh4 Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.34/Black=0.02 (flawless) . Mistake: White=1 --- Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=2 Black=8

0-1

110 **A00**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2588**

■ **Dvirnyy,Danyyil** **2492**

Wch Blitz Warsaw (3) 29.12.2021

[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**

[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+

8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4. 3)]

1...d5 2.e3 e5 3.Bg2N

[3.h3 Nc6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 Bxe5 8.Bg2 c6 9.Nd2 h6 10.c4 0-0 11.Nf3 Bc7 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.0-0 f5 14.gxf5 Bxf5 15.Nd4 Qd6 16.f4 Rae8 17.Nxf5 Rxf5 1-0 9.h5 ♗h7 10.♗d3 ♗d3-Belmonte,D EU/M/GT/024 corr ICCF 1966]

3...c6 4.d3 Bd6 5.h3 Ne7 6.Nc3 f5 7.gxf5 -1.79/12

[7.e4∓ -1.23/15]

7...Nxf5-+

[7...Bxf5 8.e4 Bg6 9.h4∓]

8.Nf3 Black is clearly better. **8...Nh4 9.Nxh4 Qxh4 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Rf1 Nf6 13.0-0-0 Bd7**

[13...Bxh3? 14.Rh1 Bg4 15.Rxh4+-]

14.Rg1 Rf7

[14...Bxh3? 15.Rh1 Qb4 16.Bxh3+-]

15.Rdf1 Raf8

[15...Bxh3? 16.Rh1+-]

16.Nd1 Nh5 17.Be1 Hoping for f4!

17...g6 Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive.

[17...Bxh3 18.Bxh3 *(18.f3? Ng3-+)* 18...Qxh3 19.Rh1±]

18.f4 Qe7 19.Bxd5 -1.33/6 **cxd5∓ 20.Qxh5 exf4 21.Qxd5** -2.29/18

[21.Bc3∓ -1.41/16 was worth a try. Qe6 *(21...fxe3 22.Rxg6+)* 22.Re1]

21...Bxh3 -1.30/14 This pair of bishops is nice.

[21...fxe3-+ -2.29/18 aiming for ...e2. 22.Bc3 e2 *(22...Bxh3? 23.Rf6+-)*]

22.Rf3 Be6 Skewer **23.Qd4** -2.25/22

[23.Qe4∓ -1.19/18]

23...Bc5-+

[23...Bxa2 24.Bc3 Rf6 25.b3+-]

24.Qe5 Bc8 -1.15/23

[24...Bxa2 25.Qxe7 Rxe7 26.Rg5=]

[24...Rf5!-+ -2.09/20 25.Qc3 Bb6 *(25...Bxa2 26.d4∓)*]

25.Qxe7 Rxe7

[25...Bxe7?! 26.d4=]

26.Rgf1 Bg4 -0.82/10

[26...Bxe3+ 27.Nxe3 Rxe3 28.R3f2=]

[26...Ref7-+ -1.78/12 and Black stays clearly on top. ...fxe3 would now be deadly. 27.exf4 Bg4]

27.Rxf4∓ Rxf4 28.Rxf4 Bxd1

[28...Bxe3+ 29.Nxe3 Rxe3 30.Bh4]

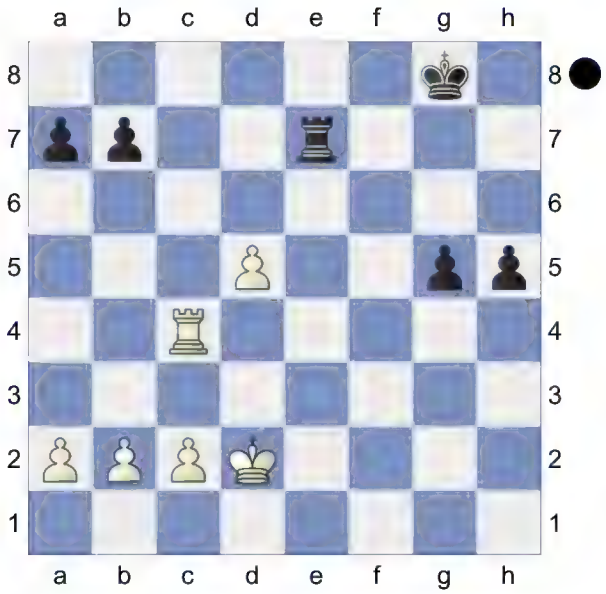
29.Kxd1 -1.01/14

[29.d4!∓ -0.65/14 is superior.]

29...Bxe3 Endgame. KRB-KRB **30.Rc4 h5 31.d4** -2.51/10

[31.Rh4∓ -1.45/11 keeps fighting.]

31...g5-+ 32.d5 Bf4 Against d6 **33.Bd2 Bxd2 34.Kxd2**

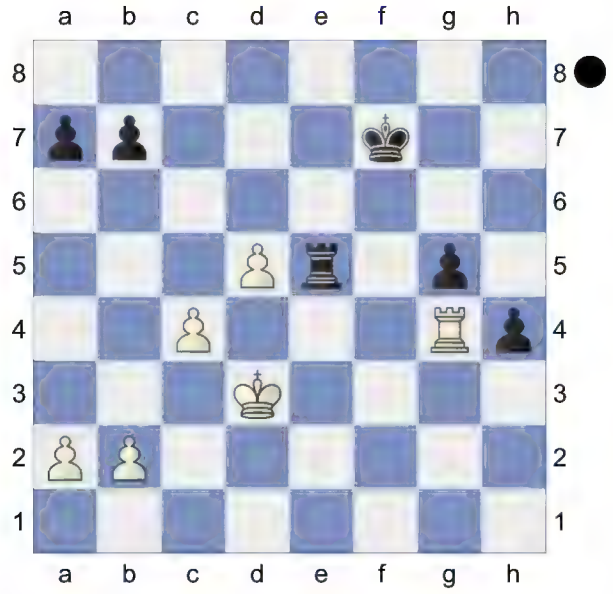


KR-KR **34...h4?** -0.21/15

[Better is 34...Kf7!-+ -1.98/12 ...g4 is the strong threat. 35.Rc8 g4]

35.Rg4!= Re5 36.c4 Kf7 37.Kd3 -1.08/10

[37.Rg1!∓ -0.39/11]

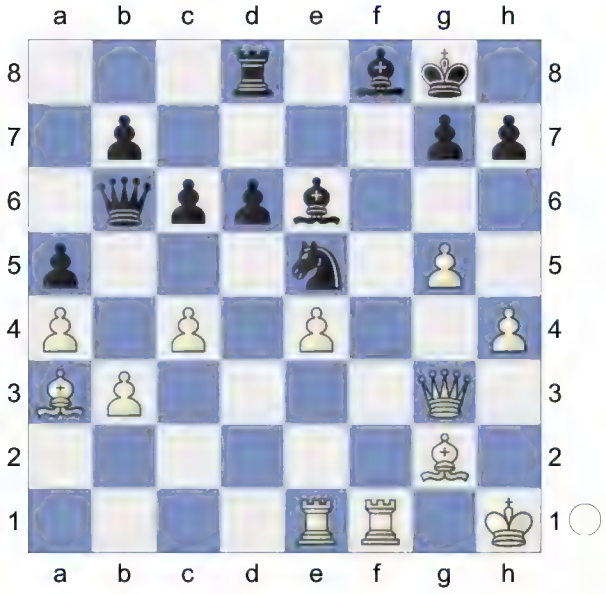


37...Kf6!∓ Strongly threatening ...Kf5.
38.Kd4? -4.85/12 Loses the game.
[38.Rg1∓ -0.80/11]
38...Re2 -2.21/10
[⌓38...Re1 -4.85/12 39.Re4 Rd1+ 40.Kc5 h3 41.Re6+ Kf5]
39.d6? -5.53/9
[39.Re4 -2.21/10 is more resistant. Rxb2 40.Kd3]
39...h3-+ And now ...h2! would win. Black is clearly winning.
[39...Rxb2 40.Kc3 Re2 *(40...Rxa2? 41.Rd4+-)* 41.Rxg5±]
40.Rg3 h2
[40...Rxb2 41.Rxh3 Rd2+ 42.Kc5±]
41.Rh3 g4 42.Rh8 g3 43.Kd3 Re6
[Weaker is 43...Rxb2 44.d7 Kg6 45.d8Q *(45.d8R Rxa2 46.Rdg8+ Kf6=; 45.d8R Rxa2 46.Rh3 Kf5=)*]
44.c5 Re5 45.Kd4 Re1 (→ ...g2)
46.Rh6+ Kg7 47.Rh3 h1Q 48.Rxh1 Rxh1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.31. Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=8 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=13 Black=19 Best: --- Black=2 Strong: White=1 ---
0-1

111 **A00**
□ **Van Foreest,Lucas** **2583**
■ **Yelisieiev,Yevhenii** **2403**
Titled Tue 17. Jan Early (5) 17.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

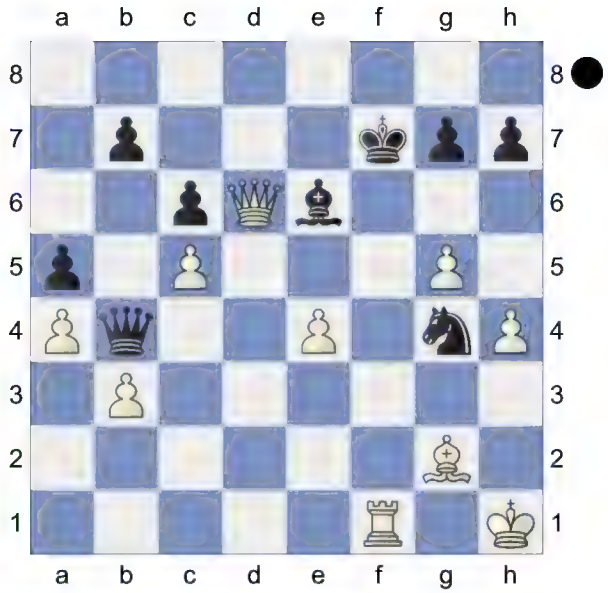
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d6 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 Be7 5.c4 Nf6** 0.23/12
[5...h5∓ -0.42/14]
6.Nc3= Nbd7 7.e4 0-0 0.56/13
[7...Nf8= 0.20/9]
8.Nge2± White is slightly better. **8...a6 9.a4 a5 10.0-0 exd4** 1.06/18
[10...Re8± 0.56/23]
11.Nxd4± Nc5 12.g5 0.48/24
[12.Qc2± 1.08/25]
12...Nfd7 13.f4 Nb6 1.27/22
[⌓13...Re8 0.89/12]
14.b3 Re8 15.Ba3 Bf8 16.Qc2 Bd7 1.42/18
[Black should play 16...h6 0.99/21]
17.Rad1 Qc7 18.h4 0.97/20
[⌓18.Bxc5 1.50/17 Strongly threatening Ba3. dxc5 19.Nde2]
18...Bg4 19.Rde1 Ne6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qf2 Nd7 22.Qg3 0.01/20
White is more active.
[22.Kh2± 0.84/22]
22...Bh5 0.75/20
[22...Qb6+= 0.01/20 keeps the balance. 23.Re3 Bh5]
23.f5 -0.25/20
[23.Kh2± 0.75/20]
23...Ne5? 1.49/20
[23...Qb6+= -0.25/20 24.Qe3 Qxb3 *(24...Qxe3+ 25.Rxe3 exf5 26.Rxf5∓)* 25.fxe6 *(25.Nd5 Qxe3+*

26.Nxe3 Rad8∓) 25...Rxe6]
24.Kh1 Qb6 25.Ne2 Rad8? 4.18/16
Loses the game.
[25...exf5± 1.36/17 26.Nf4 *(26.exf5 Nxc4 27.Nf4 Rxe1±)* 26...Bg4]
26.Nf4+- Bg4 27.Nxe6 Rxe6 28.fxe6
Hoping for c5! **28...Bxe6?** 5.56/15
[28...Qd4 3.44/15 is a better defense.
29.Rb1 Bh5]



29.Rxf8+! Remove Defender, Decoy
29...Rxf8 30.Bxd6 Ng4 31.c5 Qb4
6.88/11
[31...Qxb3 3.59/11 32.Qxb3 Bxb3
33.Bxf8 Kxf8 34.Rf1+ *(34.Rb1 Bxa4 35.Rxb7 Bc2+-)* 34...Kg8]
32.Bxf8 Kxf8 33.Qd6+ White mates.
33...Kf7 34.Rf1+

(Diagram)



Deflection **34...Kg6 35.Qxe6+ Kh5**
36.Bf3 Qxc5 37.Qxg4+ Kg6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.73. Loses game: ---
Black=1 Mistake: White=4
Black=8 Inaccurate: White=1
Black=2 OK: White=7 Black=6
Best: White=5 --- Brilliant: White=1 ---
1-0

112 **A00**
□ **HiMiChess2** **2578**
■ **Stockton_Slap** **2404**
Rapid 12.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.d4N
[3.Bg2 c6 4.b3 *(4.d3 Bd6 5.c4 Be6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.g5 h5 10.g6 f6 11.Nh4 Ne7 12.e4 d4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.0-0 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qb6 17.Nf5 0-0-0 18.Qf3 Nf8* 1-0 (46)
Carlsen,M (2853)-Dushyant,S (2345)
Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz 2023

(1)) 4...Bd6 5.Bb2 Ne7 6.e3 Nd7 7.d3 Nf8 8.Nd2 Nfg6 9.Ndf3 h5 10.gxh5 Rxh5 11.Ne2 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Rxh4 13.Ng3 Be6 14.Nh5 Nf5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Bb4+ 17.c3 Qa5 ½-½ (98) Van Foreest,J (2714)-Goryachkina,A (2610) Titled Tue 29th Mar Late blitz 2022 (2)]

[3.d3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Be6 5.a3 Qd7 6.b4 f6 7.Bb2 Nge7 8.Nf3 h5 9.g5 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.e3 Bd6 12.c4 Qf7 13.c5 Be7 14.b5 Nb8 15.Qc2 d4 16.0-0-0 Bd5 17.h4 Nd7 1-0 (44) Carlsen,M (2856)-Lazavik,D (2529) Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz 2022 (11)]

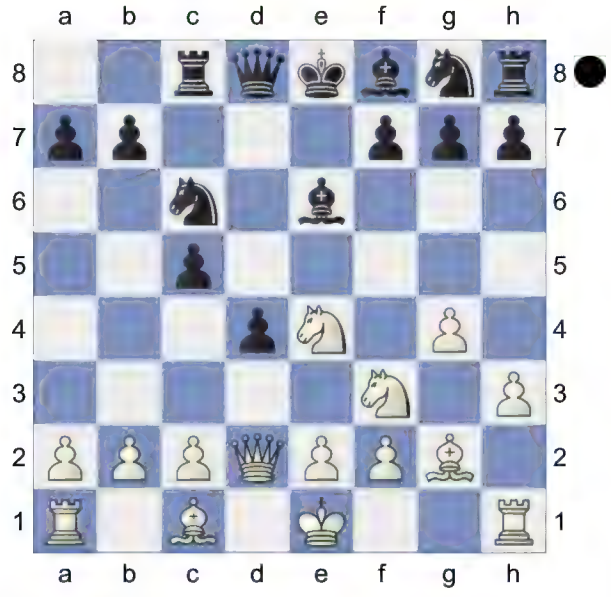
3...exd4 4.Qxd4 c5 5.Qd2 Nc6 6.Bg2 Be6 7.Nc3 -1.36/20

[⌓7.Nf3 -0.86/19]

7...d4!∓ 8.Ne4 Black is better. **8...Rc8** -0.64/19

[8...Qd7∓ -1.32/17 White must now prevent ...Nf6. 9.e3 h5]

9.Nf3∓



Nf6 -0.22/19

[9...Be7!∓ -0.78/18]

10.Nfg5!= Bc4 -0.17/19

[10...Bd5∓ -0.53/19]

11.Qf4

[11.b3 simplifies Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Be6 13.Ng5]

11...Be7 12.b3! Bd5 13.Qf5 h6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6

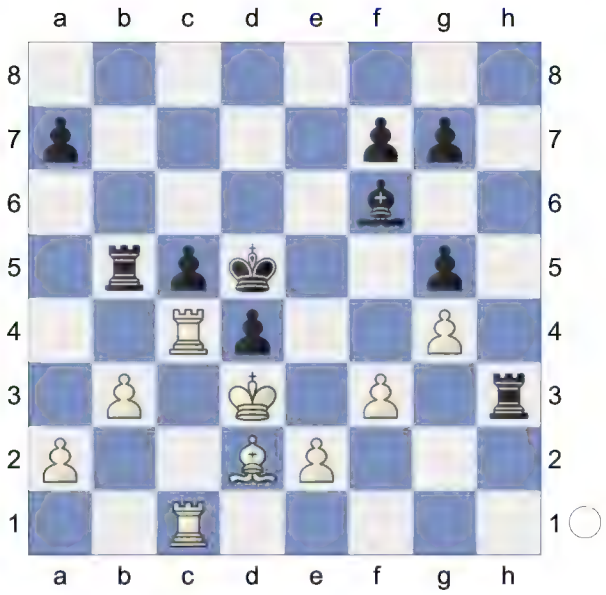
[14...gxf6 is interesting. 15.Bxd5 hxg5 16.h4 Rc7]

15.Qxd5 Qxd5 16.Bxd5 hxg5 17.Bd2 Nb4 18.Bxb7 This pair of bishops is nice. **18...Nxc2+ 19.Kd1 Rc7 20.Rc1 Rxb7 21.Kxc2 Kd7 22.Kd3 Kd6 23.Rc4↑** White has good play. **23...Kd5 24.Rhc1 Rxh3+** 1.14/25

[Better is 24...Rb5± 0.50/25]

25.f3± Rb5 1.38/24

[⌓25...Be7 0.83/25]



26.Ra4! Black cannot hold the game after this. **26...Rb7?** 3.89/23

[26...a5± 1.04/22]

27.Ra5+- Be7 28.b4 f6 4.88/23

[28...Rh8 3.25/19 was called for. 29.bxc5 Kc6 30.Ra6+ *(30.Kxd4 Rd7+ 31.Ke3 Re8=)* 30...Kb5 31.Ra5+ Kc6]

29.bxc5 c6+ would now be deadly.

29...Kc6 8.09/22

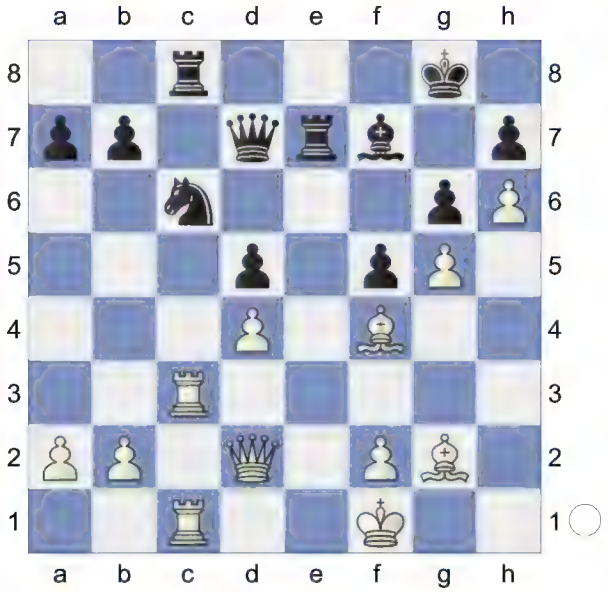
[⌓29...Rc7 4.34/21 30.c6+ Ke6]

30.Ra6+
[30.Kxd4 Rd7+ 31.Ke3 f5±]
30...Kd5 31.c6 Rc7 32.Rc4 Bc5 33.Ra5! Rxc6 34.Bb4
[34.Rxd4+ Ke6 35.Re4+ Kf7=]
34...Rh1 35.Rcxc5+
[Not 35.Bxc5 Rd1+ 36.Kc2 Kxc4=]
35...Rxc5 36.Rxc5+ Endgame KRB-KR **36...Ke6 37.Kxd4 Ra1 38.Ra5 Rb1 39.Ra6+ Kf7 40.Rxa7+ Kg6 41.Bc3 Rd1+ 42.Ke3 f5 43.Rxg7+ Kh6 44.gxf5 Rc1 45.Kd2 Rb1 46.Rg8 g4 47.Bf6 Rb7 48.fxg4 Rd7+ 49.Ke3 Rf7 50.g5+ Kh5 51.Kf4** Intending Rh8+ and mate. **51...Rh7 52.Kg3 Rh6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.75
53.gxh6
1-0

113 **A00**
□ **Zhigalko,S** **2572**
■ **Minko,Dmitry** **2247**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

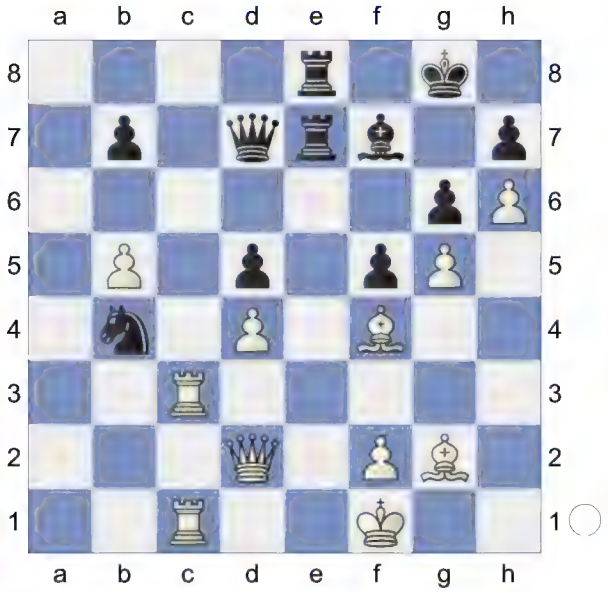
A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.h3 c6 4.c4
[4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.Nc3 hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)]
4...Bc5N
[4...Ne7 5.Qc2 g6 6.Nc3 Na6 7.d3 Bg7 8.f4 exf4 9.Bxf4 dxc4 10.dxc4 Qd4 11.Qe4 Qxe4 12.Nxe4 0-0 13.Bd6 Re8 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.b3 h6 16.Nf3 f5 17.Nf2 Rac8 18.e4 fxe4 19.Nxe4 (67) Chapter-Games Chapter 6 Game 24]
[4...Be6 5.Qb3 Qd7 6.d3 Na6 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.dxc4 Nc5 9.Qc2 Bxc4 10.Nf3 f6 11.Bd2 Ne6 12.0-0 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Qe4+ Be6 15.Qxe6+ Qxe6 0-1 De Lombaerde,Y-Krovel Velle,T Belgium-Norway 1993]
5.Nc3 Ne7 6.e3 -1.10/19
[6.Nf3 -0.73/19]
6...0-0 -0.31/21
[6...dxc4∓ -1.10/19 Strongly threatening ...Na6. 7.b3 0-0]
7.cxd5∓ cxd5 8.d4 Black has an edge.
8...exd4 9.exd4 Bb6 10.Nge2 f5 0.37/19
[10...Be6= -0.16/22]
11.g5± Nbc6 0.61/21
[11...f4= 0.06/21 12.Nxf4 Nbc6]
12.Be3 -0.48/21
[White should try 12.Nf4± 0.61/21]
12...Be6 0.45/21
[12...Ng6∓ -0.48/21 13.Bxd5+ Kh8]
13.Nf4 Bf7 14.h4 Ng6 15.Nce2 -0.28/23
[15.Nxg6!± 0.40/23 hxg6 16.Qd2]
15...Re8 0.24/22
[⌓15...Nxf4 -0.28/23 16.Nxf4 g6]
16.Kf1= Bc7 17.Qd2 Qd7 0.79/21
[17...Re4= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
Black is now going downhill. **18.h5± Nxf4** 1.45/21
[⌓18...Nf8 0.89/19]
19.Nxf4 Bxf4 1.93/22
[19...Re4± 1.09/22]
20.Bxf4+- Rac8 21.Rh3 1.47/21
[21.Bf3+- 1.98/20]
21...Qe7 2.27/21
[21...Qd8± 1.47/21 was necessary. 22.Kg1 Qa5]
22.h6 g6 3.28/22
[⌓22...Qd7 1.89/20 23.hxg7 Re6]

23.Rc1 Qd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **24.Rhc3 Re7**



25.b4! a6 26.a4 Black must now prevent b5. **26...Rce8 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5 Nb4** 9.25/19

[28...Na5 2.82/23 29.Qd3 Nc4]



29.Rc5 Active counter play! **29...Re2 30.Qxb4 Qe7 31.Qc3**

[Worse is 31.Bxd5 Rxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Qe2+ 33.Kg1 Bxd5 34.Rxd5 Qg4+ 35.Kh1 Qh4+ 36.Bh2 *(36.Kg2? gets mated. Re2+ 37.Kg1 Qf2+ 38.Kh1 Qg2#)* 36...Qe4+ 37.Kg1 Qe3+ 38.Kh1 *(38.Kg2 Qe2+ 39.Kg1 Qg4+ 40.Kh1 Qe4+ 41.Kg1 Qe3+ 42.Kh1 Qf3+ 43.Kg1 Qe3+=)* 38...Qe4+ 39.Kg1 Qe3+ 40.Kh1 Qe4+=]

31...b6 32.Rc7 Qe6 33.Bf3 Kh8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=1.16

34.Kg2 19.49/26

[⌓34.Rxf7 #20/25 Qxf7 35.Bxe2 Qd7 36.Qc6 Qxc6 37.bxc6 Kg8 38.Bf3 Kf7 39.Bxd5+ Ke7 40.Bc7 *(40.Re1+ Kd8 41.c7+ Kd7 42.Rxe8* Remove Defender *Kxe8 43.Bc6+ Kf7 44.c8Q Ke7 45.Qe8#)*]

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[David Cummings,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4?!** MH With apologies to Grob enthusiasts who may be offended by this annotation! I should note that others have been harsher, for example Victor Mikhalevski, in his excellent repertoire book for Black "Beating Minor Openings", gives it a straight "?". Nevertheless GM Gareyev played the Grob three times at the World Rapid & Blitz Championships, notching two wins and almost scoring an upset win in this game against the higher rated J-K Duda. **1...d5** Black's most popular reply to the Grob, and perhaps the most logical, simply attacking the weak g4-pawn. A couple of other examples from Gareyev's practice:

[1...e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.c4 *(3.h3* transposes to the next note.*)* 3...d4 4.b4 c6 5.Qb3 Be6 6.h3 Nd7 7.Nf3 a5 8.Ba3 b5 9.bxa5 bxc4 10.Qc2 Qxa5 11.Bxf8 Kxf8 12.0-0 f6 13.e3 d3 14.Qd1 Ne7 and White has no compensation for the pawn deficit, although he won in Gareyev,T (2569)-Makarov,M (2505) St Petersburg (Rapid) 2018 1-0 (28)]

[1...h5 This is the kind of reaction that Grob aficionados are likely glad to see: Black welcomes the randomness, but without getting the advantage he can secure with more classical responses.. 2.g5 h4?! 3.g6?! fxg6 4.Nf3 d5 5.c4 d4 6.Rg1 Qd6 7.c5 Qxc5 8.b4 Qd6 9.Na3 Rh5 10.Nc4 Qxb4? 11.e3 and White has a big lead in development, Gareyev,T (2611)-Zulfic,F (2179) Gold Coast 2018 1-0 (21)]

2.Bg2 This is by far the most common move, but the most loyal Grob expert, IM Michael Basman, has (for many decades) preferred instead:

[2.h3 and after e5 3.Bg2 we see a mix of old and recent Basman games:

A) 3...h5 4.g5 Basman's latest try *(4.gxh5* has also been played*)* 4...c6 5.d4 and now:

A1) 5...Nd7 appears to be too modest. Now 6.c4 *(6.e4!?)* 6...dxc4 7.Nc3 exd4 8.Qxd4 Nb6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bf4 Be6 11.0-0-0+ Ke8 12.e4 Ne7 13.Nge2 with play for the pawn, Basman,M (2313)-Vedder,R (2288) Haarlem 2018 1-0 (85);

A2) 5...e4 looks promising;

A3) 5...exd4 6.Nf3 c5 7.c3 dxc3 8.Nxc3 Be6 9.g6?! *(9.Qb3!?)* 9...f6 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.f4?! f5 12.Nf3 Nbc6 13.Ng5 Qd7 14.b4 Nxb4 15.Rb1 d4 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.Nb5 was played in Basman,M (2313)-Harff,M (2420) Haarlem 2018 1/2-1/2 (32). White has pitched two pawns and created something of a mess, but Black could now consolidate in several ways including 0-0-0! when White's activity is insufficient.;

B) 3...c6 and now 4.d4 is White's most popular try, but Black usually gets a positional advantage with normal developing moves, for example:

B1) 4...e4 5.c4 with a further split:

B1a) 5...Be6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.f3 Ng6 8.fxe4 dxe4 9.Bxe4 Bxc4 10.Nf3 Bb4 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.h4 Nf6 13.h5?! *(13.Bg5!)* 13...Ne7 14.h6 gxh6 15.Bxh6 Nxg4 16.Bg5 Qa5 and Black emerged on top in Basman,M (2330)-Giri,A (2776) London (rapid) 2014 0-1 (25);

B1b) 5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.g5 Be6 8.h4 Nf5 9.Bh3 0-0 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Ng3 was crushing for Black in Basman-Keene from 1981, which is analyzed in the Archives;

B2) 4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 and Black is better, although he eventually lost in Basman-Strauss in the Archives.]

2...Bxg4 A strong move that does

however, invite some complications. If Black is prepared for this opening, I think that this move makes sense. Otherwise, he can choose one of the alternatives:

[2...c6 is very sensible. Now most common is 3.h3 e5 transposing to the Basman line in the previous note.]

[2...e6 is a solid alternative, for example 3.d3 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Nf6 7.g5 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Be7 which is Pridorozhni-Jakovenko in the Archives.]

[2...c5 3.g5?! Nc6 4.Nc3 e6 5.h4 Bd6 6.d3 Nge7 7.e4 d4 8.Nce2 e5 9.Ng3 Be6 10.Bh3 Qd7 11.Qf3 Bxh3 12.Nxh3 Rc8 *(12...0-0* followed by ...f7-f6 is decent for Black *)* 13.Bd2 c4 with chances for both sides, Gareyev,T (2569)-Minko,V (2370) St Petersburg (Blitz) 2018 1-0 (27)]

3.c4 d4N A rare choice, found in only 7 games in my database. Instead Mikhalevski gives two lines that he likes for Black:

[3...c6 4.Qb3

A) 4...Nf6 5.cxd5 *(5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Qxc6+ Bd7* 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1. g4 d5 − 5.Q *)* 5...cxd5 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 *(7.d4 Rb8 8.Qxa7 Qc8 9.Nc3 Ra8* 0-1 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c *)* 7...e6 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Bb4 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c;

B) 4...e6 5.cxd5 exd5 *(5...cxd5??* loses on the spot to *6.Qa4+* Nielsen,P (2654)-Sawlin,L (2258) Berlin 2015 1-0 (6)*)* 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Rb6 10.Qd3 Ng6 11.h3 Be6 12.Nf3 Bd6 with a large plus for Black, Ohtake,S (2385)-Parsons,L (2359) ICCF email 2014 -1/2 (44)]

[3...dxc4 is a riskier line with a similar idea to the main game. After 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.Qa4 Be6 and Black is better according to Mikhalevski]

[3...Nf6 4.Qb3 Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2 14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf5+ 0-1 Irlbacher,R (1443)-Weiss,W (2023) corr 8.DSFC/V1 Post 2017]

4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 White is not forced to grab the exchange, instead:

[5.Nf3 d3?! *(5...Rb8!)* 6.Qa4 Rb8 7.Bc6 dxe2? 8.Ne5 Be6 9.d4 Ngf6 10.Nd2 g6 11.Nb3 Rxb3 12.axb3 Bg7 Evchin,M (2270) -Vovk,O (2279) Kiev 2017 0-1 (21) and now 13.Bg2 0-0 14.Nc6 would give White a decisive advantage.]

5...Qxa8 6.f3 e5 Black has strong compensation. Black is more active.

[6...d3?! 0.69/18 6...e5 -0.86 just allows White to develop with 7.Nc3 as in Winand,E (1872)-Midanka,V (1705) Frankfurt 2017 1-0 (40)]

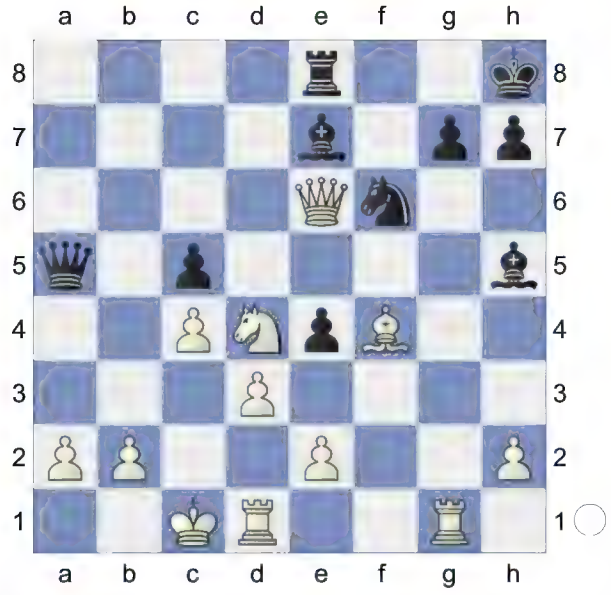
7.d3 f5 0.10/11 The first new move, but perhaps not the best. Here Black has also played:

[7...Be6 8.a3 Be7 White is forced to further compromise his kingside, making it unsafe for his king to go there. 9.h4 Ngf6 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Nd2 Qb7 -0.55/12 *(11...h6∓* -1.56/11 *12.Bxf6 Nxf6)* 12.b4 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Ne4 -2.34/9 *(14.Qa4∓* -1.10/8 *)* 14...Nh5 -1.20/10 with more

than enough for the exchange, Denny, A-Pozzo,S Imperial College London 1999 0-1 (29) (Black should play *14...Nxe4!-+* -2.34/9 *15.dxe4 Bxc4*)]
[Better is 7...Be7∓ -0.88/13]
8.Qa4!= The position is equal. MH: '=' **8...Bh5** 0.55/13
[8...Be7= 0.06/12 MH: '=!']
9.Na3± **c6** Prevents Nb5. MH: ' Wards off Nb5' **10.Bd2** -0.11/12
[10.Nh3!± 0.55/10]
10...Ngf6= **11.0-0-0** Alternatively:
[11.Nh3 Be7 12.0-0 -0.44/12 *(12.0-0-0= -0.06/12)* 12...0-0 13.b4 when White's king is surprisingly quite safe on the kingside, and let's not forget that White is the exchange up. Gareyev's opening can be considered a success - would he have secured a better position against Duda in a conventional opening?]
11...Be7↑ Black has good play. MH: ' Black has the initiative.' **12.Bb4** **c5** **13.Ba5** -1.17/12 Against correct play, the bishop would be misplaced here.
[13.Bd2 leaves matters far from clear.]
[13.Be1= -0.24/21 MH: ' remains equal.']
13...0-0∓ **14.Nh3** **e4** -0.57/11 Too hasty, instead:
[14...Bd6 -1.15/20 leaves the a5-bishop out on a limb, and Black's central preponderance means he will start to take over. MH: ' ∓' MH: ' Threatens to win with ...e4.' 15.Kb1 MH e4]
[14...Bd6!∓ -1.32/18 Hoping for ...e4. 15.Nb5 Qc6]
15.Nf4∓ Nxh5 is the strong threat. MH: ' aiming for Nxh5.' **15...Bf7**
[15...exf3 16.Nxh5 fxe2 17.Rde1 MH: '=']
16.fxe4 **fxe4** **17.Rhg1** -1.26/17
[White should try 17.Kb1!∓ -0.40/15 MH: '∓']
17...Ne5?! 0.25/10 Once again: MH: '?'
[17...Bd6 is good for Black.]
[17...Bd6∓ -1.26/17 18.Rdf1 Qb8]
18.Bc7!= Activating the bishop, and unblocking White's queen, which together with the a3-knight start to invade Black's queenside. MH: ' ±' **18...Ng6** 1.07/12
[MH: ' Better is' 18...Nc6!± 0.35/8 19.Nb5 Qb7]
19.Qa6± MH: '±!' **19...Kh8** 2.09/17
[19...Qc8± 1.04/21 20.Qxc8 *(20.Qxa7 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Qe6+-)* 20...Rxc8 21.Nxg6 Bxg6]
[19...Ne8± 0.97/13 (MH) was called for. 20.Nxg6 Bxg6]
20.Nb5+- **Nxf4** **21.Bxf4** In the space of a few moves, White has completely turned the tables and achieve nice piece coordination in addition to his material advantage. **21...Bh5** **22.Qe6**
[22.Nxa7 Bxe2 23.Bd6 *(23.dxe4* MH *Qxe4-+)* 23...Bxd6 24.Qxd6 exd3 *(24...Bxd1? 25.Rxd1 exd3 26.Rxd3-+)* 25.Qxc5 Bxd1 26.Rxd1 d2+ 27.Rxd2 Ne4-+]
[22.Qxa7 Qxa7 23.Nxa7 Bxe2∓ MH: '∓']
22...Qd8 **23.Nxa7** 1.03/10
[23.dxe4?! Bg4 *(23...Bxe2? 24.Rd2+-)* 24.Rxg4 Nxg4]
[23.Rde1+- 2.11/10 is more deadly. MH: ' and White stays clearly on top.']
23...Re8? 3.74/8
[23...Qd7± 1.03/10 24.Qxd7 Nxd7]
24.Nc6
[24.dxe4 Bf8 25.Qf5 *(25.Nc6? Qa8-+)* 25...Rxe4= *(25...Qa5=* MH *)*]
24...Qb6 5.84/23 MH: '
[24...Qd7 3.60/11 25.Qxd7

Remove Defender Nxd7 26.Nxe7
(26.dxe4 Bf8+-) 26...Rxe7]

...Bf8 would now be deadly.' **25.Nxd4** White is winning after this, but even more convincing is:. Discovered Attack MH: '!' **25...Qa5**
[25...Qxe6 MH 26.Nxe6]



26.Rxg7!! More complex than on the previous move, but still very strong.
26...Bd8
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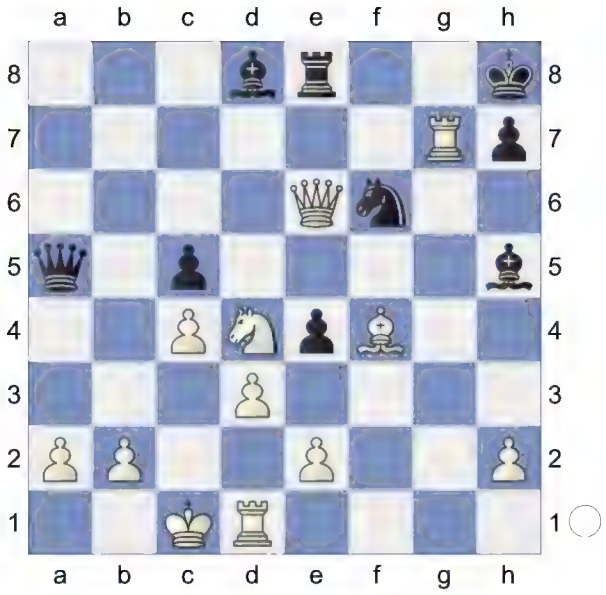
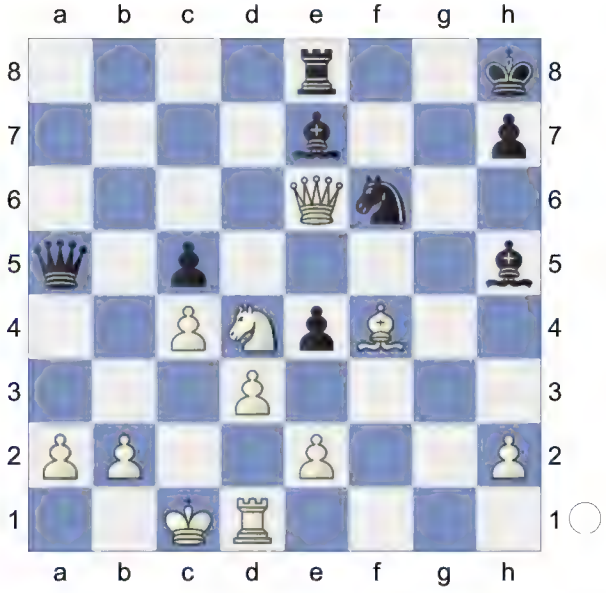


27.Re7 Bxe7



28.Nc6 MH: ' White threatens Nxe7! and mate.' **28...Qxa2?** 9.08/24
[28...Bd8 3.69/12 29.Qxe8+ Nxe8 30.Nxa5 Bxa5 31.dxe4 Bf7]
29.Be5
[29.Nxe7! wins quickly]
29...Qa1+ 30.Kd2 White wants to mate with Nxe7! **30...e3+ 31.Ke1**
[31.Kxe3 Qxd1 32.Kf4 Qd2+ *(32...Qf1+* MH: '?' *33.Kg5* MH: '-+' *Rg8+ 34.Qxg8+ Kxg8 35.Nxe7+ Kf7 36.Nf5 Qh3 37.Nh6+ Ke6 38.Kf4*

Qxh2+ 39.Kg5 Kxe5 40.Nf7+ Bxf7 41.d4+ cxd4 42.c5 h6#) 33.Kg3 Rg8+]

31...Qa8 32.b4? 0.00/11 Throwing away the win. No doubt time trouble was playing a huge role by this point. Instead:

[32.Bxf6+ Bxf6 33.Qxf6+ Kg8 34.d4 leaves Black helpless against the inclusion of the d1-rook into the attack. *(34.b4* MH *)*]

[32.Nxe7? Qh1#]

[MH: ' White has to play' 32.Bxf6++- 4.65/20 Bxf6 33.Qxf6+ Kg8 34.d4 *(34.Ne7+? Rxe7 35.Qg5+ Kh8-+)*]

32...Rg8!= The counter threat of 33... Rg1# makes it clear that 32 b4 was too slow. **33.Bxf6+**

[33.Nxe7? Rg1#]

33...Bxf6 34.Qxf6+ Rg7 And now ... Qxc6! would win. MH: ' Hoping for ... Qxc6!' **35.Ra1??** -7.54/10

[35.b5! defends the c6-knight, and a draw is forced after. Strongly threatening Ra1. Qa2 36.Qd8+ Rg8 37.Qf6+ with perpetual check.]

[35.bxc5 gets mated. Qxc6 36.Qf8+ Rg8 37.Qf1 Qa6 *(37...Qxc5? 38.Qf6+ Rg7 39.Qd8+-+; 37...Qxc5? 38.Qf6+ Rg7 39.Qd8+-+)*]

[35.b5= 0.00/11 Qa2 36.Qf8+ Rg8 37.Qf6+ *(37.Qxc5? Qxe2#)* 37...Rg7 38.Nd4]

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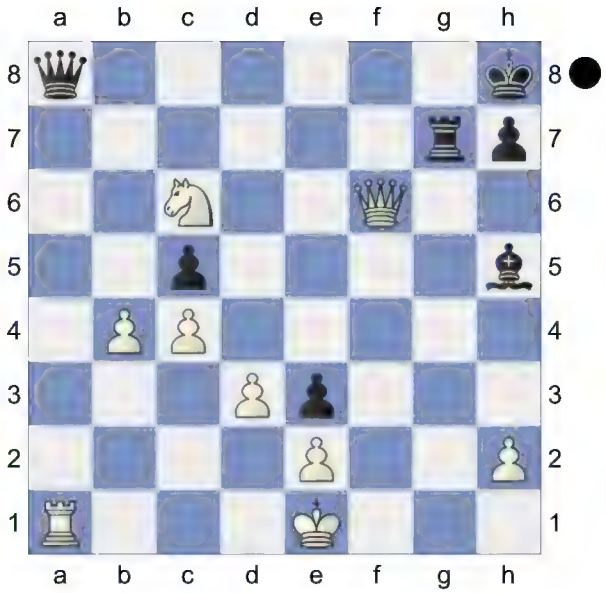

Disaster strikes! Instead: MH: '?'

35...Qxc6!!-+ Black is now a piece up and wins in short order. Back Rank **36.Qf8+**

[36.Qxc6 is met by Rg1# of course.]

[36.Qf1 MH Rf7]

36...Rg8 37.Qf1 cxb4 -8.35/20

[⌓37...Qd6 -#17/24 MH 38.Ra7 Qd4 *(38...Qxh2 39.Qf6+)* 39.Kd1 Qxd3+ 40.Kc1 Qc3+ *(40...Qxe2 41.Qf6+)* 41.Kb1 Rd8 *(41...Qxb4+ 42.Ka1 Qc3+ 43.Ka2 Rd8 44.Rxh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 45.Qf5+ Bg6 46.Qd5 Qa5+ 47.Kb2 Rb8+ 48.Qb7+ Rxb7+ 49.Kc1 Qe1#)* 42.Ra6 Qxb4+ *(42...cxb4 43.Qf6+ Qxf6 44.Rxf6-+)* 43.Kc1 Qxc4+ 44.Kb2 Rb8+ *(44...Qxa6 45.Qf5 Rb8+ 46.Kc3 Qa1+ 47.Kd3 Qd1+ 48.Kxe3 Qd4#)* 45.Rb6 Rxb6+ 46.Ka3 Qb3#]

38.Kd1 Qd6 -19.06/23

[⌓38...b3 -10.19/9 39.Ra5 Qh6]

39.Kc2 Qd4

[Inferior is MH: ' And not' 39...Qxh2 40.Qf6+ Rg7 41.Ra8+]

40.Ra6

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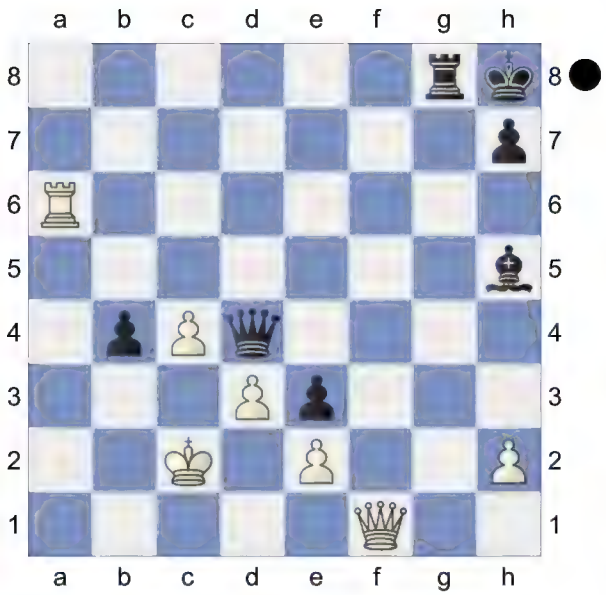

Bxe2! (→ ...b3+). Back Rank MH: ' (→ ...Qc3+). Back Rank' **41.Qxe2**
[41.Qf6+ Qxf6]
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[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 d4N**
[3...c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.cxd5 *(5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Qxc6+ Bd7* 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1. g4 d5 − 5.Q *)* 5...cxd5 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 *(7.d4 Rb8 8.Qxa7 Qc8 9.Nc3 Ra8* 0-1 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c *)* 7...e6 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Bb4 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1. g4 d5 − 5.c]
[3...Nf6 4.Qb3 Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2 14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf5+ 0-1 Irlbacher,R (1443)-Weiss,W (2023) corr 8.DSFC/V1 Post 2017]
4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 Black has strong compensation. Black is more active. **7.d3 f5** 0.14/10
[Black should play 7...Be7∓ -0.91/8]
8.Qa4= The position is equal. **8...Bh5** 0.55/17
[8...Be7= 0.12/12]
9.Na3 0.17/12
[9.Nh3± 0.55/17]
9...c6 10.Bd2 -0.21/12
[10.Nh3± 0.46/10]
10...Ngf6 11.0-0-0 Be7 12.Bb4 And now Bxe7 would win. **12...c5 13.Ba5** -1.06/12
[13.Be1= -0.28/9 remains equal.]
13...0-0∓ 14.Nh3 e4 -0.46/10

[14...Bd6!∓ -1.08/13 Hoping for ...e4. 15.Bd2 a6]

15.Nf4∓ Nxh5 would now be deadly.

15...Bf7

[15...exf3?! 16.Nxh5 fxe2 17.Rde1=]

16.fxe4 -0.73/11

[16.Nd5!∓ -0.33/13 Nxd5 17.Qxd7 Bg5+ 18.Kb1]

16...fxe4∓ 17.Rhg1 -1.06/12

[17.Kb1∓ -0.49/13]

17...Ne5 0.38/8

[Black should try 17...Bd6∓ -1.06/12 18.Rdf1 Qb8]

18.Bc7± Ng6 0.82/11

[18...Nc6!± 0.38/10 was preferrable. 19.dxe4 Nxe4]

19.Qa6± Kh8 2.23/10

[19...Qc8± 0.91/9 20.Qxa7 *(20.Qxc8 Rxc8 21.Nxg6 Bxg6+-)* 20...Re8]

20.Nb5+- Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Bh5 22.Qe6

[22.Nxa7 Bxe2 23.dxe4 Qxe4-+]

[22.Qxa7 Qxa7 23.Nxa7 Bxe2=]

22...Qd8 23.Nxa7 1.19/9

[23.Rde1+- 2.04/10]

23...Re8? 3.83/9

[23...Qd7± 1.19/9 keeps fighting. 24.Qxd7 Nxd7]

24.Nc6

[24.dxe4 Bf8 25.Qf5 *(25.Nc6 Qa8∓)* 25...Qa5=]

24...Qb6 5.18/23

[⌓24...Qd7 3.66/21 25.Qxd7 Remove Defender Nxd7 26.Nxe7 *(26.dxe4 Bf8+-)* 26...Rxe7]

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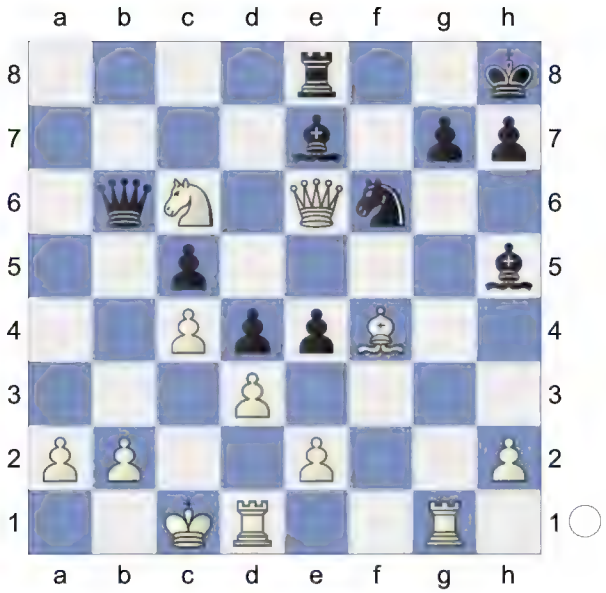
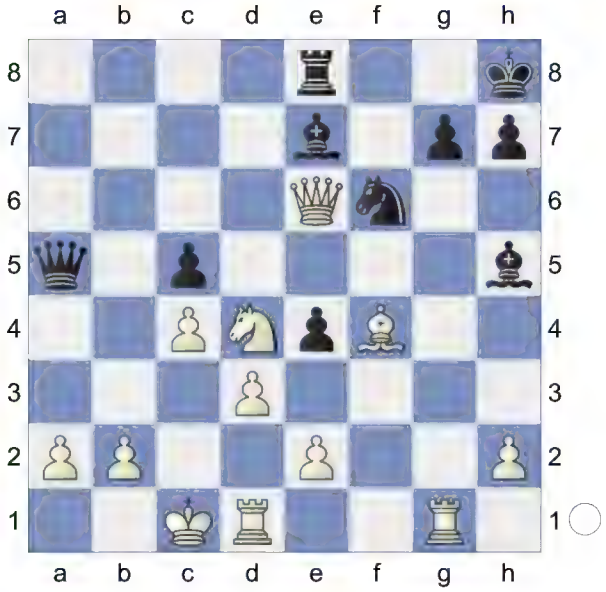


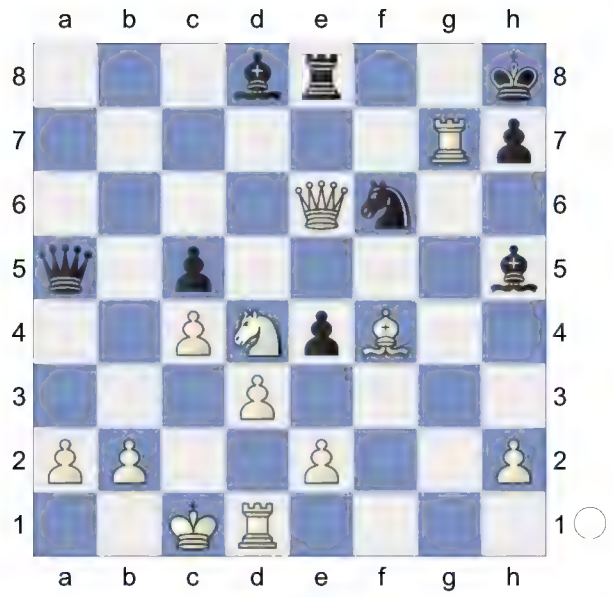
25.Nxd4! Discovered Attack **25...Qa5**

[25...Bd8 26.Qxb6]

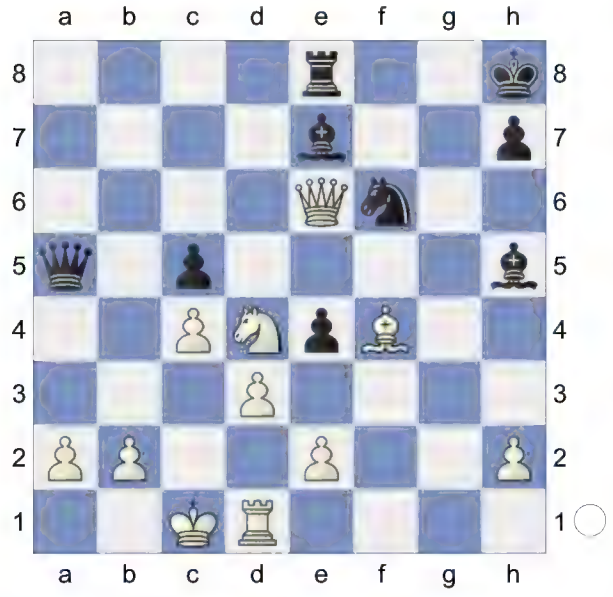


26.Rxg7!! Bd8

(Diagram)

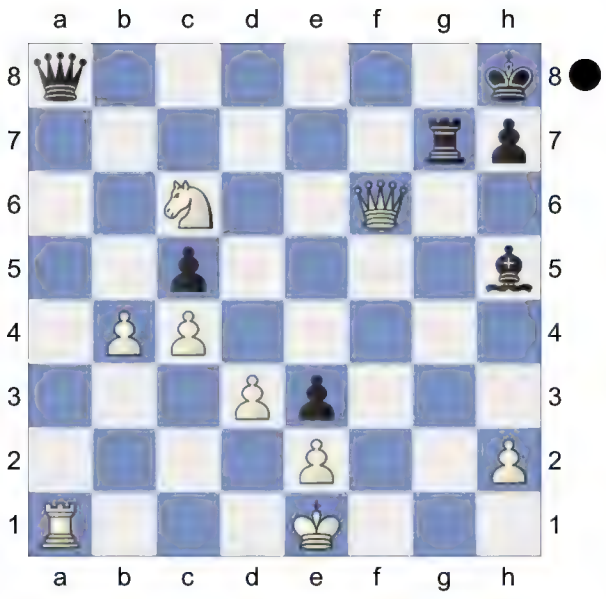


27.Re7 Bxe7



28.Nc6 White wants to mate with Nxe7!
28...Qxa2? 11.30/14
[28...Bd8 3.91/11 29.Qxe8+ Nxe8 30.Nxa5 Bxa5 31.dxe4 Bf7]
29.Be5 4.96/13
[⌓29.Nxe7 11.30/14 Qa1+ 30.Kc2 exd3+ 31.Rxd3]
29...Qa1+ 30.Kd2 Nxe7! would kill now.
30...e3+ 31.Ke1
[31.Kxe3 Qxd1 32.Nd4 cxd4+ 33.Kxd4 Bc5+ *(33...Qxe2? 34.Bxf6+ Bxf6+ 35.Qxf6+ Kg8 36.Qg5+ Bg6 37.Qd5+ Kg7 38.Kc3-+)* 34.Kxc5 Rxe6 35.Bd4 Bxe2 *(35...Kg8 36.Bxf6 Rxf6 37.h4 Qxe2 38.d4 Qe7+ 39.Kb5 Be8+ 40.Ka5 Qe1+ 41.b4 Qa1#)* 36.Bxf6+ Rxf6 37.h3 Qb3 *(37...Qxd3 38.b3 Qe3+ 39.Kb5 Qe5+ 40.Ka4 Ra6+ 41.Kb4 Qa5#; 37...Qg1+ 38.d4 Qg3 39.Kb4 Rb6+* Skewer *40.Ka5 Qb3 41.h4 Qb4#)* 38.Kd5 Qxd3+ *(38...Qb7+ 39.Kd4 Qxb2+ 40.Ke3 Bh5 41.c5 Re6+ 42.Kf4 Qe5#)* 39.Ke5 Qd6+ 40.Ke4 Re6+ 41.Kf5 Qe5#]
31...Qa8 32.b4? 0.00/12
[32.Nxe7? Qh1#]
[32.Bxf6++- 3.43/23 Bxf6 33.Qxf6+ Kg8 34.d4 *(34.Ne7+? Rxe7 35.Qg5+ Kh8-+)*]
32...Rg8!= 33.Bxf6+
[33.Nxe7? Rg1#]
33...Bxf6 34.Qxf6+ Rg7 35.Ra1? -5.24/8
[35.bxc5 leads to mate. Qxc6 36.Qf8+ Rg8 37.Qf1 Qa6 *(37...Qxc5? 38.Qf6+ Rg7 39.Qd8+-+; 37...Qxc5? 38.Qf6+ Rg7 39.Qd8+-+)*]
[35.b5!= 0.00/12 Qa2 36.Nd4]

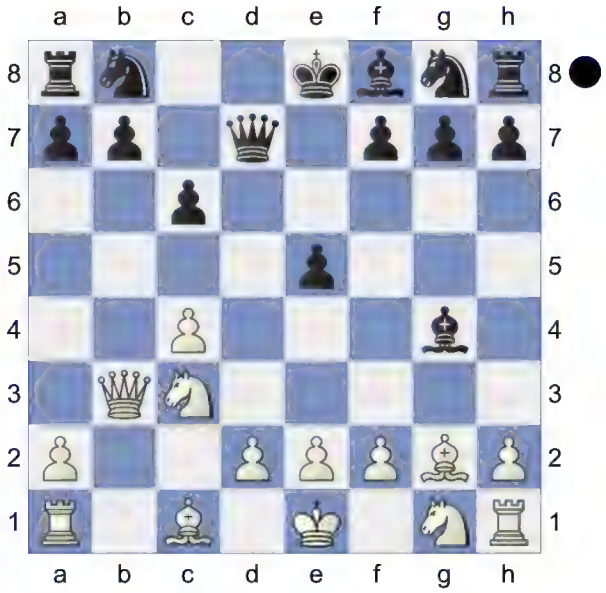
(Diagram)



35...Qxc6!!-+ Back Rank **36.Qf8+ Rg8 37.Qf1** Wards off Qh1 **37...cxb4 38.Kd1 Qd6 39.Kc2 Qd4**
[Worse is 39...Qxh2 40.Qf6+ Rg7 41.Ra8+]
40.Ra6 Bxe2 (→ ...Qc3+). Back Rank **41.Qxe2 Qc3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/Black=0.54. Loses game: White=1 Black=1 Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=7 Black=8 OK: White=9 Black=10 Best: White=3 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=1 Brilliant: White=2 Black=1
0-1

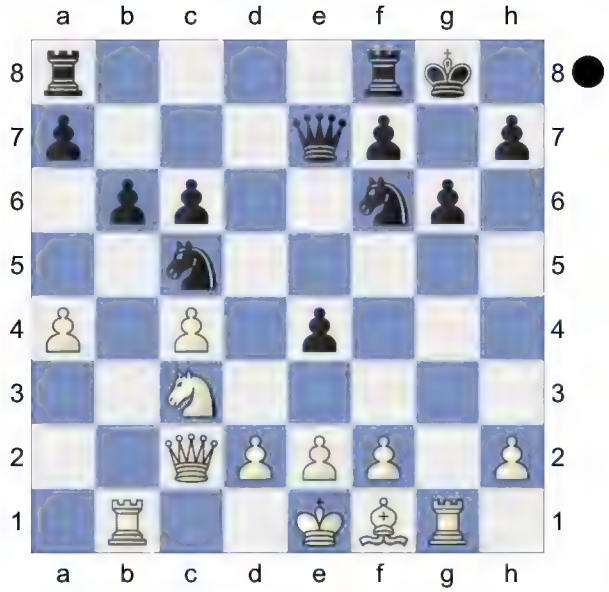
116 **A00**
□ **nissousspou** **2565**
■ **theonlyoneshoo** **2617**
Blitz 26.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.c4 dxc4 4.b3
[4.Qc2 c6 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Nd7 7.Nf3 Bxg4 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qxe5+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.d3 Kd7 13.Rg1 Rhe8 14.Bh1 g6 15.Bg5 h5 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.d4 a5 18.f3 Be6 1-0 (71) Reuter,A-Appeldorn,D corr desc e-mail 2000 (1)]
4...c6N
[4...cxb3 5.Qxb3 c6 6.Bb2 Qc7 7.Qe3 Bd6 8.Nf3 f6 9.h3 Na6 10.Na3 Nb4 11.Qb3 Ne7 12.Rc1 Ng6 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.a3 Nd5 16.e3 b6 17.Qd3 Qe6 18.Ng1 Bb7 19.Bxd5 1-0 (31) Grob,H-Kwiesielewicz,K FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942]
5.bxc4 Bxg4 Black is more active.
6.Qb3 Qd7 7.Nc3

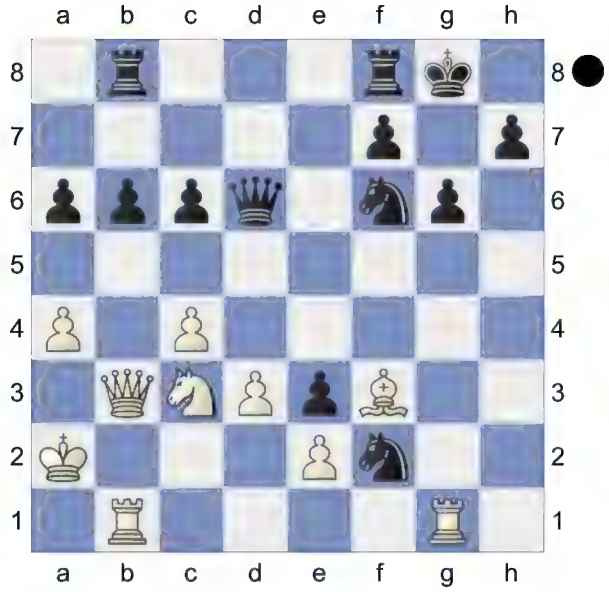


Nf6 -0.89/23
[7...Na6!-+ -1.98/22 Hoping for ...Nc5. 8.Qb2 Nf6]
8.Rb1∓ Black is better. **8...b6 9.Ba3 Be7 10.Nf3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 0-0 12.Rg1** -1.73/23
[12.d3∓ -0.99/21]
12...g6-+ 13.Bxe7 -2.02/25
[13.d3 -1.63/22 might work better.]
13...Qxe7 14.a4? -4.44/21
[14.d3 -1.71/23]
14...e4 15.Bg2 Na6 16.Qc2 Nc5

17.Bf1



Nd3+! Deflection. Excellent horsemanship. **18.Kd1 Nxf2+ 19.Kc1 e3 20.d3 Qe5 21.Bg2 Qxh2 22.Kb2 Qd6 23.Bf3 Rab8 24.Ka2 a6 25.Qb3**



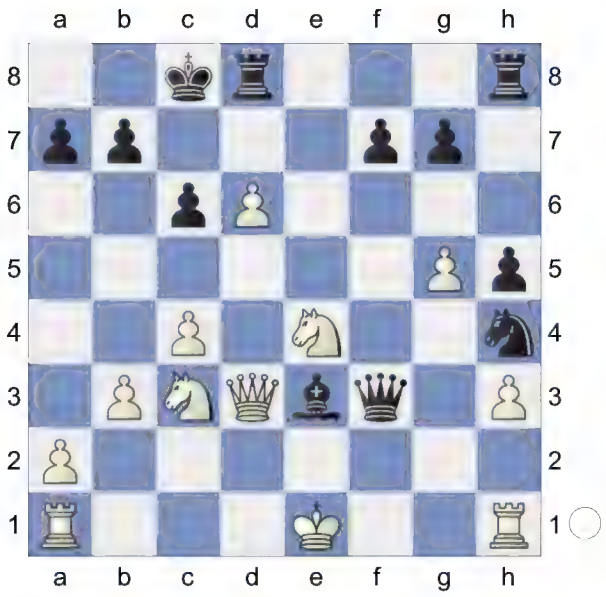
b5! 26.cxb5
[26.Qb4 c5]
26...axb5 27.axb5 cxb5 28.Qb4 Qe6+ 29.Kb2 Rfc8 30.Rbc1 Rc7 31.Na2 Ra7 32.Qb3 Qxb3+ 33.Kxb3 h5 34.Rc6 Kg7 35.Nb4 Rba8 36.Kc3 Ra1 37.Rg2 N2g4 38.Kd4 Rd8+ 39.Kc5 Rb1 40.d4 Rd1 41.d5 Ne5 42.Rd6 Rc8+ 43.Kxb5 Nxf3 44.exf3 Rb1 45.Rb6 Nxd5 46.Ka5 Nxb6 47.Re2 Nc4+ 48.Kb5 Rb8+ -32.99/24
[⌓48...Nd6+ -#10/22 49.Ka5 Rb8 *(49...Ra8+? 50.Kb6-+)* 50.Rg2 R1xb4 *(50...R8xb4 51.Ra2 Rb8 52.Rb2 Ra1+ 53.Ra2 Rxa2#)* 51.Rxg6+ fxg6 52.f4 Nc4+ 53.Ka6 Ra8#]
49.Kxc4 R8xb4+ 50.Kd3 R4b3+ -34.54/26
[⌓50...R1b3+ -#15/25 51.Kc2 Rb2+ 52.Kd3 R4b3+ 53.Kc4 Rxe2 54.Kxb3 Rd2 55.Kc3 Rd7 56.f4 e2 57.Kc4 e1Q *(57...e1R 58.f5 Rc1+ 59.Kb5 gxf5 60.Kb6 Rd2 61.Ka7 Rb2 62.Ka8 Ra1#)* 58.Kb5 Qc1 59.Kb6 Rd2 *(59...Qxf4 60.Kc5 Qd6+ 61.Kc4 Qc6+ 62.Kb4 Rb7+ 63.Ka5 Qb5#)* 60.Ka7 Qb1 61.Ka8 Ra2#]
51.Ke4 R1b2 52.Re1 e2 53.Kf4 Rb4+ -34.89/26
[⌓53...Rd3 -#10/22 54.Kg3 Rd1 55.Kf2 Rxe1 56.Kxe1 h4 57.f4 h3 58.f5 gxf5 59.Kf2 e1Q+ Back Rank, Promotion *(59...h2* gets mated. *60.Ke3 e1Q+ 61.Kd4 h1Q 62.Kc4 Qhe4+ 63.Kc5 Q1b4#)* 60.Kxe1 h2 61.Kf1 h1Q#]
54.Kg3 Rd2 Black mates. **55.Kf2 Rbb2 56.f4 Rd1 57.f5 gxf5 58.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 59.Kxe2** KR-K **59...Rg1 60.Ke3 Rg6 61.Kf3 h4 62.Kf2 h3 63.Kf3 h2 64.Kf4 h1Q 65.Ke5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
65...Qe4#
0-1

117 **A00**
□ **Van Foreest,Lucas** **2544**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2657**
Titled Tuesday 20. Oct (4) 20.10.2020
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5**
[5...dxc4?! 6.f3±]
6.g5 Bd6N
[6...dxc4 7.Nc3=]
[6...h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)]
7.Nc3 Ne7
[7...dxc4 8.Nxe4 *(8.Bxe4 Ne7=)* 8...Ne7 9.Nxd6+ Qxd6 10.e4±]
8.f3 -1.65/21
[8.h4∓ -1.23/19]
8...Bg3+
[8...dxc4 9.fxe4 Bg3+ 10.Kf1∓]
9.Kf1 exf3
[9...dxc4 10.Nxe4 Bc7 11.f4∓]
10.Nxf3 -1.95/19
[10.Bxf3∓ -1.36/20 keeps fighting. Bc7 *(10...dxc4 11.e4∓)* 11.e4]
10...Bf5 -1.49/20
[10...dxc4 11.b3∓]
[10...0-0-+ -1.95/19 11.Kg1 dxc4]
11.Be3∓ Nd7 12.Bf2 Bd6 -0.36/22 Black is more active.
[Black should play 12...Bxf2∓ -1.23/20 13.Kxf2 0-0 *(13...dxc4 14.e4∓)*]
13.e4 -1.31/24 **dxe4** -0.65/22
[Black should try 13...Bxe4∓ -1.31/24 14.Nxe4 dxe4]
14.Nd2 -1.03/19
[14.Nh4∓ -0.65/22]
14...Qc7 -0.27/21
[14...e3!∓ -1.03/19 15.Bxe3 Nf8]
15.Bxe4 0-0-0 16.Kg2 -1.08/20
[Better is 16.Qf3∓ -0.46/21 Bf4 17.Rd1]

Repels Bd6-g3 **16...Bf4** -0.48/21
[16...Nf8!∓ -1.08/20 ...Nf8-e6 is the strong threat. 17.c5 *(17.Bxf5+ Nxf5 18.Qc2 Qd7∓)* 17...Bf4]
17.Bxf5 -1.19/18
[17.Nf3∓ -0.48/21]
17...Nxf5 18.Nde4 Ne5 Prevents Qd1-f3. Pin **19.b3** -3.95/21 This move loses the game for White.
[19.Re1∓ -1.42/20 was necessary.]
19...Ng6 20.d5 Ngh4+ 21.Kf1 Ne3+ 22.Bxe3 Bxe3 23.d6 Qd7 24.Qd3? -4.82/20
[24.Ke2 -2.71/18 Nf5 25.c5]
24...Qf5+-+ Black is clearly winning.
25.Ke1 Qf3
[Weaker is 25...Bxg5 26.Kd1 Bf6 27.Kc2 Bxc3 28.Kxc3 Qe5+ 29.Qd4 Qxd4+ 30.Kxd4-+]

(Diagram)



26.Ne2 -11.36/21
[⌓26.Rg1 -4.75/21 Bxg1 Discovered Attack 27.Qxf3 Nxf3+ 28.Ke2]
26...Qxh1+ Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/Black=0.43. Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=8 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=2 Black=6 Best: White=3 Black=1
0-1

118 **A00**
□ **Bordi,Kevin Claude** **2542**
■ **Dobrov,Vladimir** **2515**
Chess.com INT blitz (7) 05.12.2017
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5**
[3.h3 e5 4.d4 Nd7 *(4...e4 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO A4 2000*)* 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005]
3...h6N
[3...e5 4.h4 f5 *(4...Bd6 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 Be6 7.Nd2 Qc7 8.Bh3 Bxh3 9.Nxh3 Nd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Qg4 Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.exd5 cxd5 14.b4 Ne6 15.c4 Nd4 16.Ra2 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.0-0 Ne2+ ½-½* Juhasz,B-5.a4 ♗g4 6.♘e5 ♗h5_4140 101/(136) Sora 2007 (1)*)* 5.d4 e4 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.h5 Be6 9.c3 Qc7 10.e3 Nd7 11.Nd2 c5 12.Rc1 b5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nf4 c4 15.a3 a5 16.Nf1 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Ng3 ½-½ Schafer,H-6.Bf4 0-0; 7.Qd2 d5!?; (ol) 17/255 Nice 1974]
4.h4 hxg5 5.hxg5 Rxh1 6.Bxh1 g6 -0.24/19
[6...e5∓ -0.97/19 7.d3 Ne7 8.e4 Be6 9.Bf3 Nd7 10.Bg4 Bxg4 11.Qxg4 Qa5+ 12.Ke2 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Kb8 14.Nb3 Qa4 15.Nf3 g6 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bf4 Nc8 18.Bxe5+ Bd6 19.Bxd6+ Nxd6 20.f3 dxe4 21.fxe4 b6 22.Qf4 Kb7 ½-½ 5.a4 ♗g4 6.♘e5 ♗h5_4140-Elobeid,A 78/(100) Minsk 2000]
7.d4= Bg7 8.Nf3 Black is slightly better.
8...Bg4 -0.08/20
[8...Bf5∓ -0.46/19 feels stronger.]
9.Ne5 Bh5 10.Qd2 -0.94/20
[10.c4= -0.21/20 remains equal.]
10...Nd7∓ 11.f4 -1.43/20
[⌓11.Qe3 -0.88/21]
11...e6 -0.88/20
[⌓11...Nxe5 -1.43/20 12.dxe5 f6]
12.c4 -1.51/20
[⌓12.Nc3 -0.88/20]
12...Ne7 13.Nc3 a6 -0.74/19

[Black should try 13...Nf5 -1.53/21 And now ...f6 would win. 14.e3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nxe3 *(15...dxc4 16.Qxd8+ Rxd8 17.Bd2∓)* 16.cxd5 *(16.Qxe3? d4-+)* 16...Nxd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 *(17...cxd5 18.Qd4∓)*]

14.e4 -1.45/21

[⌓14.Bg2 -0.74/19]

14...Nxe5 -0.45/21

[14...Bxe5!∓ -1.45/21 15.dxe5 Qb6 *(15...dxc4 16.Qe3∓)*]

15.fxe5 -2.55/21

[15.dxe5∓ -0.45/21 dxc4 16.Qf2]

15...dxc4-+ 16.Qf2 b5 17.Be3 -2.34/20

[⌓17.Kf1 -1.89/20]

17...Qa5 aiming for ...c5! **18.Kf1 0-0-0??** 1.82/20

[18...b4-+ -2.35/20 and life is good for Black. 19.Ne2 Bxe2+ 20.Qxe2 c3]

19.Kg1? -0.57/20

[19.Qxf7? Rf8-+]

[19.d5!+- 1.82/20 Qc7 *(19...Bxe5? 20.Bb6+-)* 20.d6 *(20.Qxf7? Rf8-+)*]

19...Rf8 0.52/19

[19...b4∓ -0.57/20 20.Nd1 Rf8]

20.d5!± Bb6 is the strong threat.

20...Qd8

[20...Bxe5? 21.Bb6+-]

21.d6 Bb6 would now be deadly.

21...Bxe5! 22.dxe7 Qxe7 23.Rf1! Bd6? 2.16/22

[23...Qd7± 0.35/20]

24.Bg2 e5 2.23/21

[24...Rh8± 1.55/19 is a better defense.]

25.Qf6 0.84/20

[25.a4+- 2.23/21 and White stays clearly on top. Kb7 26.axb5 axb5 27.Nxb5]

25...Qxf6 26.Rxf6 Kc7 27.Bh3 Prevents Bg4. White has more active pieces. **27...Be7 28.Rf1 f6 29.gxf6 Rxf6 30.Rxf6 Bxf6 31.Bc5** 0.05/23

[31.Kg2± 0.92/22]

31...Bg5!= 32.b4? -3.65/22

[32.Kf2= 0.22/23]

32...cxb3? -0.01/22

[32...Bd2-+ -3.65/22 33.Nb1 c3 34.Nxc3 Bxc3]

33.axb3 a5 34.Kf2 Bd2 35.Ne2 g5 36.Be6 Bg6 0.67/25

[36...Bb4= 0.01/24 37.Bxb4 axb4]

37.Ng3± Bc3 38.Nf5 0.01/24 Repels Bd4+

[38.Ke2± 0.92/23]

38...b4? 2.37/24

[38...Bxf5= 0.01/24 and Black stays safe. 39.exf5 Bd4+ 40.Bxd4 exd4]

39.Kg3 Hoping for Kg4. **39...Bh5**

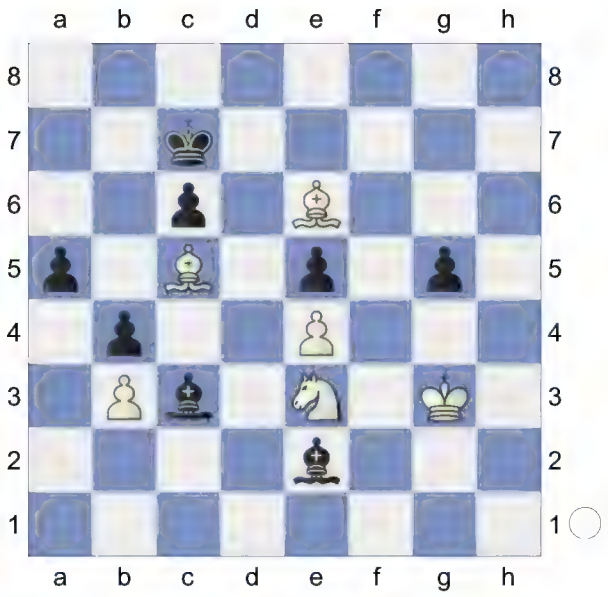
40.Ne3 1.23/22

[40.Bd6++- 1.76/24 Kb7 41.Ne3]

40...Be2 2.09/23

[40...Bg6± 1.23/22]

(Diagram)



41.Nc4!+- Strongly threatening Bd6+.
41...Bd3? 3.25/26
[41...a4± 1.16/23 42.bxa4 b3]
42.Bd6+ Kb7 43.Nxa5+
[43.Nxe5 Bxe5+ 44.Bxe5 Bxe4=]
43...Ka6? 7.55/26
[43...Kb6 2.74/24]
44.Nxc6 Bxe4 45.Nxb4+ Kb5 46.Na2 Bd4 47.Nc1 Kc6 48.Be7 Bd5 49.Bxd5+ Kxd5 50.Bxg5
[50.Kg4 Ke4 51.Ne2 *(51.Kxg5 Be3+ 52.Kf6 Bxc1=; 51.Bxg5 Bc5+-)* 51...Kd3±]
50...Bb2 51.Kf3? 0.58/26
[Better is 51.Be3+- 5.08/27]
51...e4+? 5.10/29
[Black should play 51...Kd4!± 0.58/26]
52.Ke2 Kd4 #17/25
[52...Bc3+- 4.78/27 53.Na2 Ba5]
53.Bf6+ White mates. **53...Kc5 54.Bxb2 Kb4 55.Ke3** A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/Black=0.89. Loses game: White=2 Black=4 Missed win: White=2 Black=2 Mistake: White=9 Black=11 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=3 OK: White=19 Black=9 Best: White=1 Black=3 Strong: White=1 Black=1
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119 **A00**
□ **damithk** **2542**
■ **elkadi74** **2578**
Blitz 12.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
It's always interesting to see how the top players react against exotic lines. In this game Pridorozhni tried 1.g4 and Jakovenko didn't try to refute it, but just played a solid and sound idea. It's important to appreciate that White needed to win this game to continue in the Cup. **1.g4 e6 2.Bg2 d5**
[2...c5 3.c4 d6 4.Qb3 Qg5 5.h3 h5 6.Bxb7 Bxb7 7.Qxb7 Nc6 8.Qxc6+ Kd8 9.Qxa8+ Kc7 10.Qxf8 f5 11.Nf3 Kc6 12.Nxg5 Rh6 13.Qxg8 g6 14.Qxe6 Kc7 15.d4 cxd4 16.Nf7 fxg4 17.Bxh6 1-0 (21) BARUStigerSUMATERA (3183)-MrBarusBreTigan (2557) Blitz 2021]
3.h4N
[3.d3 Bc5 *(3...c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Nf6 7.g5 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Be7 9.h4 Qc7 10.Be3 b6 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.Ne2 Ne5 13.Qg2 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Qc6 15.0-0-0 Qxe4 16.dxe4 Ng4 17.Rh3 Rd8 18.Rg1* ½-½ (50) Pridorozhni,A (2517)-Jakovenko,D (2721) RUS Cup rapid final 2013 (2.3)) 4.h4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bd7 6.e4 d4 7.Nce2 e5 8.Ng3 Nge7 9.Nf5 Nxf5 10.gxf5 f6 11.Qh5+ Ke7 12.a3 Qe8 13.Qxe8+ Raxe8 14.h5 h6 15.Nf3 Reg8 16.Nh4 Be8 17.Bf3 ½-½ Grob,H-Wiedemeier,O FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1966]

[3.c4 dxc4 4.b3 cxb3 5.Qxb3 c6 6.Bb2 f6 7.d4 Qb6 8.Qc2 Bb4+ 9.Nd2 Ne7 10.a3 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 c5 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.g5 0-0 15.gxf6 gxf6 16.Nh3 e5 17.Rg1 Ng6 1-0 (30) Grob,H-Kurz,E FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1961]

3...c5 4.Nh3 Nc6 5.h5 h6 6.e3 -1.62/22

[6.e4∓ -1.12/21]

6...Nf6 -1.23/19

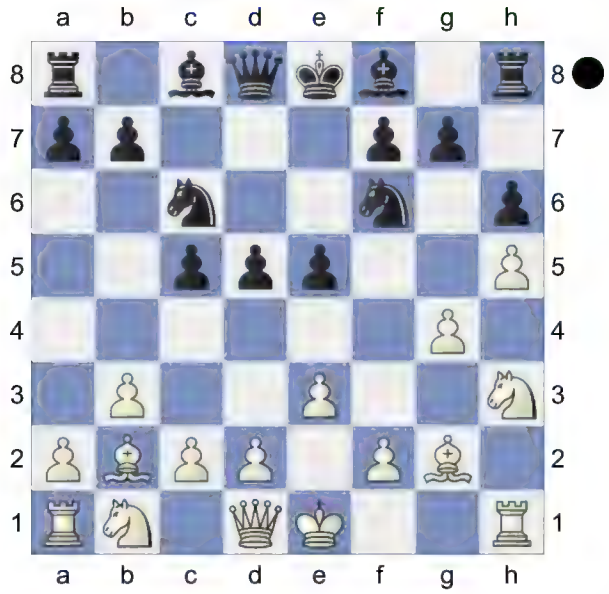
[6...e5-+ -1.62/22 7.c4 Nf6 *(7...dxc4 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.f3∓)*]

7.b3 -1.85/20

[7.g5∓ -1.23/19 hxg5 8.Nxg5]

7...e5-+ 8.Bb2? -3.35/19

[8.f3 -1.74/19 keeps fighting.]



8...Bxg4 9.f3 Bxh5 10.Nf2 Bg6 11.Nc3 d4 12.Ne2 Nb4 13.e4 Nh5 14.d3 Be7 15.a3 Nc6 16.Qd2 -5.14/19

[⌓16.Bh3 -3.42/21]

16...Bg5 17.Qd1 Qf6 18.Ng4 Qe7 19.Bc1 0-0-0 20.Bh3 Kb8 Black is clearly winning. **21.Kf2 Rdf8 22.b4 f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.bxc5 Qxc5 25.Rb1 Bxc1 26.Qxc1 Nf6 27.Nxf6 Rxf6 28.Bxf5 Rxf5 29.Ng3 Rf7 30.Ne4 Qe7 31.Rh3 Rhf8 32.Rb5 a6 33.Rb6 Ka7 34.Qb2 Qc7 35.Rb3 Ne7 36.Nd6 Qxd6 37.Rxb7+ Ka8 38.Rb6** Prevents Qc6. White got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.22 (precise)

38...Rb8

0-1

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□ **Mikaelyan,A.** **2521**

■ **Di Berardino,Diego Rafael** **2479**

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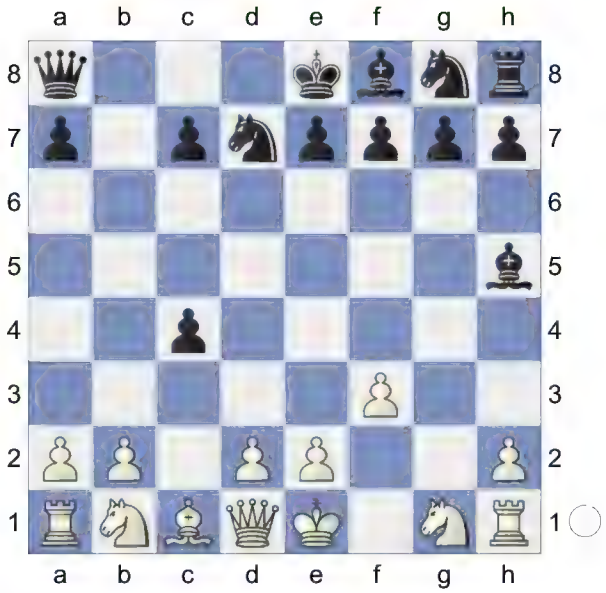
[MH]

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3! Bh5

[6...e5∓ keeps the upper hand.]



7.Qa4

[7.Na3!±]

7...e5!± 8.Qxc4 White is slightly better.

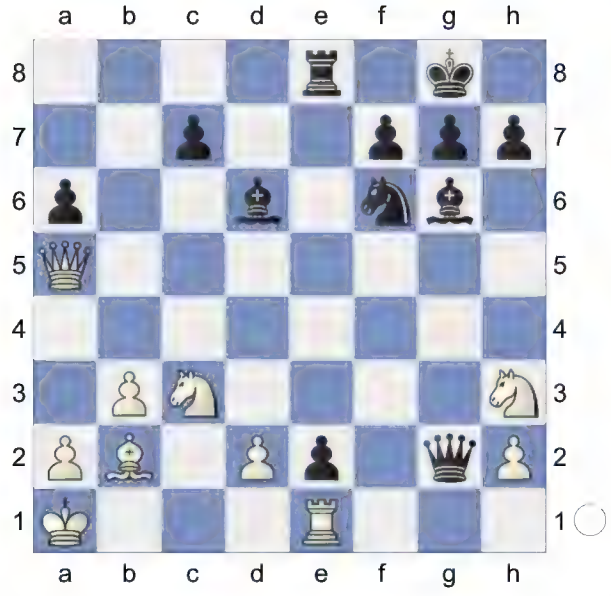
8...Ngf6! 9.Nc3 Bd6

[9...Bc5!= keeps the balance.]

10.b3

[10.d3±]

10...0-0= 11.Bb2
[11.d3!±]
11...Re8 12.Nh3
[12.Rc1=]
12...e4∓ 13.0-0-0? Loses the game.
[13.fxe4∓ Nb6 14.Qd3]
13...exf3-+ 14.Rhg1?
[14.e3 keeps fighting.]
14...fxe2
[Resist 14...Bxh2 15.Nf4 Ne5 16.Rxg7+ Kh8 *(16...Kxg7? 17.Nxh5+ Nxh5 18.Qh4∓)* 17.Qd4 Bxf4 *(17...Kxg7? 18.Nxh5+ Nxh5 19.Qh4∓)* 18.Rxf7 Bxd2+ *(18...Bxf7? 19.Qxf4 Nh5 20.Qh4-+; 18...fxe2? 19.Nxe2 Bxd2+ 20.Qxd2-+)* 19.Rxd2 Bxf7 *(19...Nxf7?* too greedy. *20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Nd5+-)* 20.exf3 Qxf3 21.Kb1]
15.Rde1 Ne5 16.Qb5 a6 17.Qa5
White is weak on the light squares
17...Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Nxe1 19.Rxe1 Bg6+ 20.Ka1 Qg2



...Qf1 would now be deadly. **21.Qxa6 Qxh3 22.a4 Bd3 23.Qc6 Qh4 24.Rxe2 Bxe2 25.Nxe2 Rxe2 26.a5 Qb4 27.a6 Re1+ 28.Ka2 Qa5+ 29.Qa4 Qxa4+ 30.bxa4 Bc5**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/ Black=0.25 (precise) . Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=5 Black=2 Inaccurate: White=2 --- OK: White=2 Black=6 Best: --- Black=1 Strong: --- Black=2
0-1

121 **A00**
□ **Pridorozhni,Aleksei** **2517**
■ **Jakovenko,Dmitrij** **2721**
RUS Cup rapid final (2.3) 20.12.2013
[Fier, Alexandr, MH]

It's always interesting to see how the top players react against exotic lines. In this game Pridorozhni tried 1.g4 and Jakovenko didn't try to refute it, but just played a solid and sound idea. It's important to appreciate that White needed to win this game to continue in the Cup. A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4** MH **1...d5 2.Bg2** Since this position is not played so often at grandmaster level, alternatives can arrive early. 2.Bg2 makes some sense, developing the bishop and being ready to meet 2. .. Bxg4 with 3.c4, even if it is not clear if this is good for White.
[2.h3 was the choice of one of the experts in this line when he played against Hebden. Black played some strange moves and White soon gained the initiative. This order can transpose to 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5, but avoiding the line with 2... Bxg4 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 Nd7 5.c4 e4 *(5...dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3 Nd3+*

20.exd3 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005*)* 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.c5 Nc4 8.b3 Na5 9.f3 Basman, M (2340)-Hebden, M (2548)/4NCL rapid Daventry 2013.]

2...e6N This is much less ambitious than the other moves.

[2...Bxg4!? it's also OK to fall for this 'trick': 3.c4 c6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qb3 Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2 14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf5+* 0-1 Irlbacher, R (1443)-Weiss,W (2023) corr 8. DSFC/V1 Post 2017*)* 4.cxd5 *(4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Qxc6+ Bd7* 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.Q *)* 4...cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 *(6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.d4 Rb8 8.Qxa7 Qc8 9.Nc3 Ra8* 0-1 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1. g4 d5 − 5.c *)* 6...e6 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 and White changes the g-pawn for the b-pawn which doesn't make much sense. In addition the pieces are unstable, so I think Black is already better here. 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Bb4 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c]

[2...c6 3.h3 *(3.c4 dxc4* here the pawn would probably be better on g3 instead of g4 *4.b3 Bxg4 5.bxc4 e5 6.Qb3 Qc7* and Black is a pawn up*)* 3...e5 would transpose to 2.h3]

3.d3 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4 dxe4 -0.09/20

[5...d4 -0.58/19 makes more sense with the pawn on g4, compared to the same position with the pawn on g3 MH: '∓' 6.Nce2 e5 and the break with f4 is now less effective 7.Ng3 Be6 8.h3 and White is going to try Ng1-e2 and f4 at some point, but Black should be fine]

6.Nxe4 MH: '=' **6...Nf6** 0.00/8

[6...Be7 7.Ne2 Nf6 8.N2g3 -0.70/10 *(8.Nxf6+=* -0.19/11 *Bxf6 9.Ng3)* 8...Nxe4∓ 9.Bxe4]

[6...e5∓ -0.39/14]

7.g5

[7.Nxf6+ can transpose to the game again Qxf6 8.g5 *(8.Ne2* also possible, but doesn't change much *Bd7 9.g5 Qd8 10.Be3* with a balanced position*)* 8...Qd8 0.46/11 *(8...Qe5+=* 0.06/12 *9.Ne2 Be7)* 9.Be4 -0.21/15 and we are back *(9.Bxc6+±* 0.46/11 *bxc6 10.Ne2)*]

7...Nxe4

[7...Nd5 is another interesting option, but Black doesn't mind changing some pieces 8.Ne2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 e5 11.c4 Nc7 12.Be3 Ne6 13.Qd2 with a complex middlegame]

8.Bxe4 Be7 9.h4 -0.41/11

[9.Nf3 is another setup Qc7 to castle on the queenside *(9...0-0 10.h4 Qc7 11.Be3* and White has decent attacking chances*)* 10.Be3 Bd7 11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Kb8 with a game full of life]

[9.Bxc6+= 0.00/18 bxc6 10.Nf3]

9...Qc7

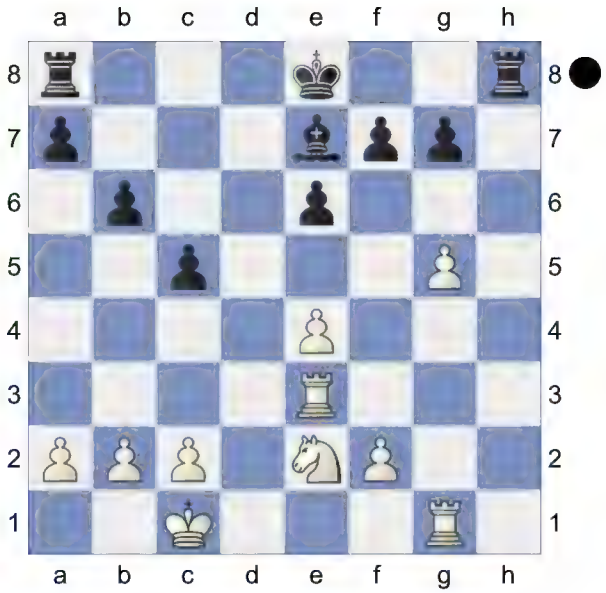
[9...0-0 0.34/10 9...Bd7 -0.36 was still possible and White can transpose to the last note with 10.Nf3]

10.Be3 b6 0.55/12

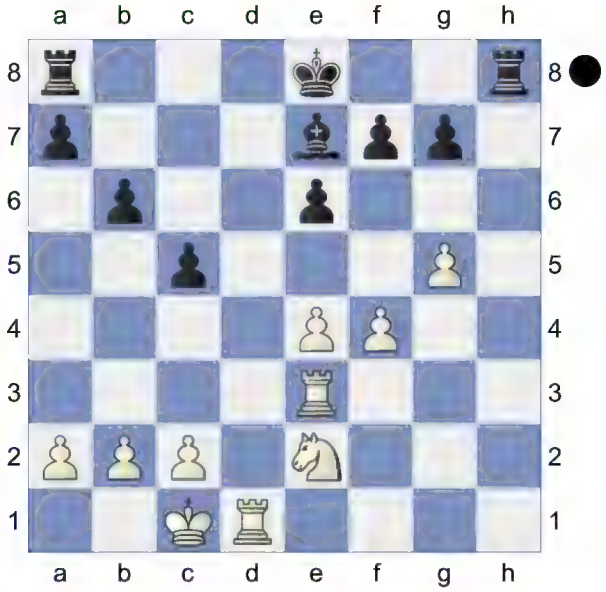
[10...Qb6 is a provocative idea, when White will probably sacrifice the pawn 11.Rb1!? Qa5+ taking the a-pawn instead 12.Kf1 Qxa2 0.41/15

(12...Bd7= -0.10/12) 13.Nf3 0-0 14.Kg2 -0.09/12 with some compensation *(White should play 14.Nd2± 0.56/10)*]
[10...e5= -0.19/22]
[10...Bd7= -0.08/19 MH]
11.Qf3± MH: ' White is more active.'
11...Bb7 12.Ne2?! 0.05/8 White allows some unnecessary exchanges. With the advanced pawns it would be better to keep the queens on to have some attacking chances.
[MH: ' White should play' 12.0-0-0 0.57/22 avoids the trick of the game MH: '±' Ne5 13.Qg2 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Rd8 *(14...Qc6 1.13/11 14...0-0 0.56 15.Qxe5 Qxh1* and now this move is not check *16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Qxh7)* 15.Ne2 with a level position]
[12.0-0-0± 0.53/11]
12...Ne5= 13.Qg2 Bxe4 14.Qxe4
[14.dxe4 Rd8 and White's king stays in the middle, since 15.0-0 -0.88/22 is not good because of *(15.Bf4=* -0.14/9 keeps the balance.*)* 15...Nc4 with a good position for Black]
14...Qc6 A good move for those who needs to draw. MH: '⇄' MH: ' Black is fighting back' **15.0-0-0**
[15.Qxc6+ Nxc6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 is also ok for Black]
15...Qxe4 16.dxe4 Ng4 And now not only Black is fine, but he is already slightly better. **17.Rh3** -0.71/22
[17.Ng1= -0.19/22 MH]
17...Rd8 -0.27/22
[17...Nxe3! was more direct and White has no time to consolidate the position 18.Rxe3 h6 19.f4 *(19.Rg1 hxg5 20.hxg5*

(Diagram)

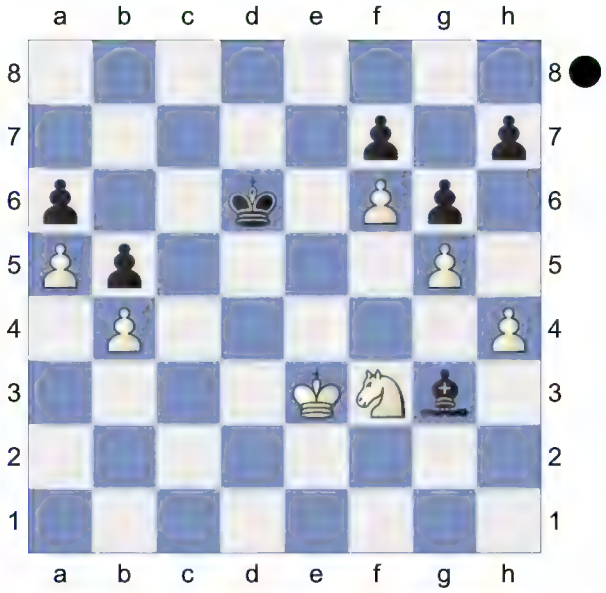


Rh2! is also annoying, Black will play ...c4 and ...Rd8 and White has no clear counterplay *)* 19...hxg5 20.hxg5



e5! and White has some problems with the structure]
[17...g6∓ -0.71/22 MH]
18.Rg1 -0.69/23
[18.Rxd8+= -0.27/22 MH Bxd8 19.Kd2]
18...Nxe3 MH: ' ∓ !' **19.Rxe3 Rd7** -0.08/12 Black goes for the most solid approach.
[19...h6 was still possible 20.e5

this can control the position, but White will be kind of static hxg5 21.hxg5 Rh2 22.f4 c4 White must now prevent ...Bc5. 23.Re4 b5 with a small advantage for Black]
[19...h6∓ -0.57/12 is more appropriate.]
20.f4 Kd8 0.08/14
[20...c4∓ -0.41/11 was preferrable. MH: ' is more appropriate.' 21.Rh3 *(21.Reg3* MH *Bc5)* 21...0-0]
21.a4 MH: '=' **21...Kc7 22.f5** -0.68/22
[22.Rd1= -0.01/19 MH]
22...exf5 MH: '∓!' **23.exf5 Bd6** 0.00/14
[23...h6∓ -0.38/10]
24.c3 Rdd8 25.Rf1 -0.73/22
[25.c4= -0.01/22 MH]
25...Rhe8 And White tries in vain to create something in the endgame over the next few moves. MH: ' ∓' **26.Rff3 Rxe3 27.Rxe3** Endgame. KRB-KRN **27...Rd7** 0.17/27
[Black should try 27...h6∓ -0.66/22 MH]
28.Kc2 MH: '=' **28...Re7 29.Rxe7+ Bxe7** KB-KN **30.Kd3! Kc6 31.Ke4 Bd6** MH: '!' **32.Ng1 Bg3** 0.95/27
[32...f6!= 0.01/27 (MH) keeps the balance.]
33.Nf3 MH: '±' **33...Kd6** Repels Ne5 **34.b4** -0.01/29
[34.h5± 0.69/27 MH]
34...cxb4 MH: '=' **35.cxb4 a6 36.Kd4 g6 37.f6 b5 38.a5 Bf2+**
[38...Bf4!?]
39.Ke4 Bg3
[39...Ke6!?]
40.Kd4 0.01/29 MH: '=' **40...Bf2+**
[40...Bf4!?]
41.Ke4 Bg3
[41...Ke6!?]
42.Ke3? -2.74/6 Trying to force somehow. MH: '
[42.Kd4 Bf2+ would be a draw]
[42.Kd4= 0.00/15 and White has nothing to worry.]



' **42...Kd5-+** But now Black is just winning. **43.Kd3 Bd6 44.Kc3** 0.01/32 MH: '=!' MH: ' and White is okay.' **44...Ke4**
[44...Bf4 45.Kd3 *(45.Ne1* MH *)* 45...Bg3 Wards off Ne1 46.Kc3 Ke4 wins]
45.Nd2+ Kd5 0.01/32 MH: '?' MH: '
[45...Kf4-+ -4.24/31 (MH) And now ... Bf8 would win. 46.Nb3 Ke5]

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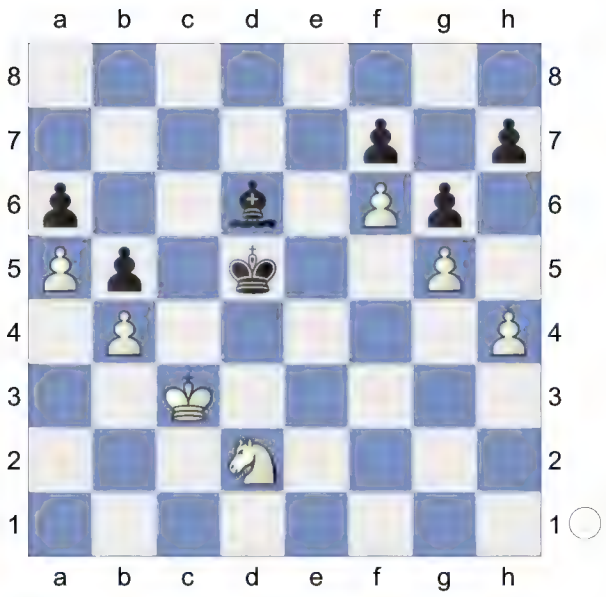

' **46.Nb3** -4.97/32 MH: '?' **46...Be5+** -3.13/11
[46...Bg3 -4.98/32 is still quite interesting MH: '-+' 47.Nc5 Bxh4 48.Nxa6 Threatens to win with Nc5. Bxg5 49.Kd3? -6.53/14 *(49.Nc5 -3.39/11 Bxf6+ 50.Kd3)* 49...Bxf6 With a pleasant endgame for Black.]
[⌓46...Bg3 -6.63/14 47.Nc5 Bxh4 48.Nxa6 Bxg5]
47.Kd3 Bd6 0.01/23 Wards off Nc5 MH: ' Against Nc5'
[47...Bg3 48.Nc5∓]
48.Kc3 MH: '=' **48...Be5+** 0.01/24 MH: '?' **49.Kd3 Bd6** 0.01/21 Inhibits Nc5. MH: '?' MH: ' Against Nc5'
[Weaker is 49...Bg3 50.Nc5 Bxh4 51.Nxa6 Bxg5 52.Nc5-+]
[49...Bc7-+ -3.69/26 (MH) White must now prevent ...Bd6. MH: ' Threatens to win with ...Bd6.' 50.Nd4 *(50.Nc5? Bxa5 51.Nxa6 Bb6-+)* 50...Bg3]
50.Kc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.30. Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=2 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=3 OK: White=13 Black=17 Best: White=5 Black=3 Strong: White=1 --- . An unexpected result. MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.73. Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: --- Black=4 Mistake: White=6 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=4 Black=2 OK: White=12 Black=17 Best: White=9 Black=2 Strong: White=1 Black=3 . An unexpected result.'
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122 **A00**
□ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2513**
■ **Jakubowski,K.** **2483**
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[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.c4N**
[3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 *(4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3* 1-0 5. ♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7. ♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005*)* 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3
A) 7...a5 8.Bd2 *(8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.h6 g4* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 8...a4 9.Qc2 f5 10.e3 0-0 Oh,G-The Grob. Just say no to tas;
B) 7...h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 Boenisch,M olm2

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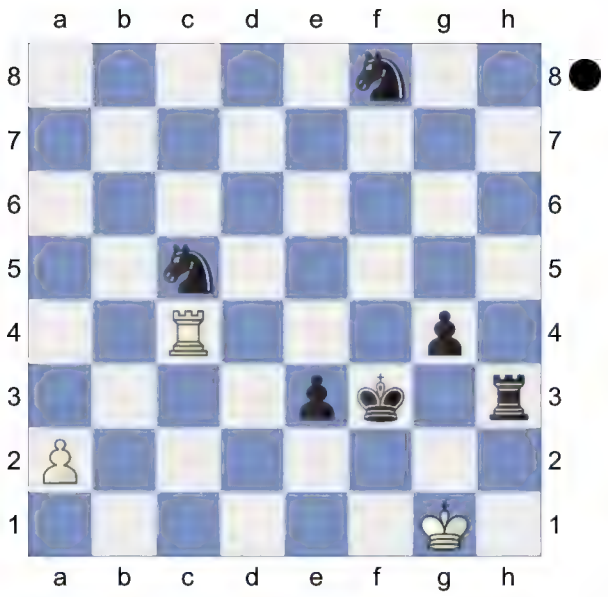
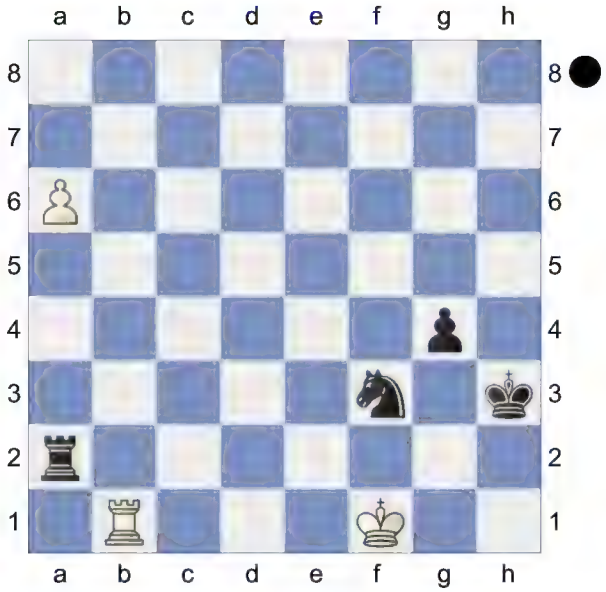
3...dxc4 4.Na3 Bxg4 5.Nxc4 Nd7 6.Qb3 Be6 And now ...b5 would win.
7.d3 -2.11/18
[7.Qc3∓ -1.05/17]
7...b5-+ 8.Bxc6 -3.25/20
[⌓8.Nf3 -1.95/17]
8...bxc4 9.Qa4 cxd3 10.Nf3 Rc8 -1.81/18
[⌓10...Ngf6 -3.38/16 11.Ne5 g6]
11.Ng5? -4.05/20
[11.Bd2 -1.81/18 Rxc6 12.Qxc6]
11...Qc7 12.Bb5 Bd5 13.e4 Bc6 14.Qb3 e6
[14...Qa5+? 15.Bd2+-]
15.Bd2 Against Qa5 **15...Bxb5 16.Qxb5 Qb6 17.Qxd3 Ngf6 18.0-0 Be7 19.Kh1 0-0 20.Rg1 g6 21.Bc3 Qb7 22.Rae1 Bb4 23.Qh3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rc4 25.f3 e5 26.Rd1 Rfc8 27.Nxh7 Kg7 28.Ng5 Rh8 29.Qg3 Rxc3?** -1.27/19
[29...Rh6-+ -5.78/21 has better winning chances. 30.Rb1 Qc7]
30.Ne6+? -6.08/23 **Kg8**
[30...fxe6? 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.Qxh8+ Nf8 34.Qxf6+-]
31.Nd8 Qb2 -2.65/22
[31...Qb6 -7.45/22 32.Nxf7 Nxe4 Pin *(32...Kxf7 33.Qxg6+ Ke7 34.Qg7+ Kd8 35.Qxh8+ Kc7 36.Rgf1=)* 33.Qxg6+ Qxg6 Remove Defender 34.Rxg6+ Kxf7]
32.Nxf7 Rxh2+ 33.Qxh2 Qxh2+ 34.Kxh2 Kxf7 35.Rd6 -3.12/24
[⌓35.Rgf1 -2.06/25]
35...Ra3 36.Rg2 -3.19/22
[⌓36.Rgd1 -2.12/22]
36...Ke7 37.Rgd2 -3.69/21
[37.Rc6 -2.25/22 was called for.]
37...Nf8 38.Kh3? -7.84/23
[38.Rc6 -2.52/22]
38...Rxf3+ 39.Kg2 Re3 40.Ra6 Rxe4 -2.38/20
[⌓40...Nxe4 -3.97/19 41.Rd5 Ng5]
41.Rxa7+ N6d7 42.Rf2? -3.35/21
[42.a4 -1.67/19]
42...Ne6 43.Rd2 Nec5 44.Rc7? -4.13/20
[44.a4 -2.31/19]
44...Ke6 45.Rc6+ Kf5 Threatens to win with ...Rd4. **46.Rdd6?** -4.01/24
[46.Rd5 -2.04/22 might work better.]
46...g5 47.Rc7? -5.90/22
[47.Rd5 -3.24/23 was necessary.]
47...Ra4 -2.51/27
[⌓47...Rd4 -5.90/22 48.Rcc6 Kf4]
48.Rd2 -5.24/19
[48.Rdxd7 -2.51/27 Rxa2+ *(48...Nxd7? 49.Rxd7 Rxa2+ 50.Kg3-+)* 49.Kg3 Ra3+ *(49...Nxd7? 50.Rxd7 Ra5 51.Rf7+ Ke6 52.Rf8-+)* 50.Kf2 Nxd7 51.Rxd7]
48...Ra3 White must now prevent ...Ke6.
49.Rf2+? -4.97/23
[49.Rcxd7 -2.78/27 Nxd7 50.Rxd7]
49...Kg4 50.Rc2 e4 51.Kf2? -5.86/19
[51.R2xc5 -3.36/26 Nxc5 52.Rxc5 Rxa2+ 53.Kf1]
51...Kf4 ...Nd3+ is the strong threat.
52.Ke2 g4 53.Rc8 Rh3 Hoping for ... Rh2+. **54.Kf1 e3** aiming for ...Kf3.
55.Rc4+ Kf3 56.Rf8+ Nxf8 57.Kg1

(Diagram)



Kg3 -12.43/20 **58.Rxc5** Endgame. KRN-KR **58...e2 59.Re5 Kh4** -9.14/25
[⌓59...Kf3 -#10/22 60.Rf5+ Ke4 61.Kf2 g3+ *(61...Kxf5 62.Kxe2 Rf3 63.Kd1 g3 64.Ke2 Kf4 65.Ke1 g2 66.Ke2 g1Q 67.Kd2 Qg2+* Skewer *68.Ke1 Rf1#)* 62.Kxe2 Rh2+ *(62...Kxf5 63.Kf3 Ng6 64.a4 Nf4 65.Ke3 g2+ 66.Kd4 g1Q+ 67.Kc4 Qb6 68.a5 Qc6+ 69.Kd4 Ne6#)* 63.Kf1 Kxf5 64.a4 Ra2 65.a5 Ng6 *(65...Rxa5 66.Ke2 g2 67.Kf2 Ra2+ 68.Kg1 Kg4 69.Kh2 Kf3 70.Kh3 g1Q 71.Kh4 Rh2#)* 66.a6 Nf4 *(66...Rxa6 67.Ke2 Rd6 68.Kf3 Rd3+ 69.Ke2 Nf4+ 70.Ke1 Kg4 71.Kf1 Rd1#)* 67.Ke1 g2 68.Kd1 g1Q#]
60.Rxe2 Ra3 61.Rh2+ Kg5 (→ ...g3) **62.Rf2 Ng6 63.Rb2 Nf4 64.Kh1 Nh3 65.Kh2 Kh4 66.Rg2 Rd3 67.Rb2 Nf4 68.Rb4 Rh3+** -6.08/5
[⌓68...g3+ -#2/6 69.Kh1 Rd1#]
69.Kg1 Rg3+ 70.Kf2 Rf3+ 71.Kg1 Kg3 72.Rb1 Nh3+ -5.09/5
[⌓72...Ne2+ -#5/12 73.Kh1 Kh3 *(73...Kf2 74.Rb3 Rxb3 75.axb3 g3 76.b4 g2+ 77.Kh2 g1Q+ 78.Kh3 Qg3#)* 74.Rd1 g3 *(74...Rf2 75.Rd3+ g3 76.Rxg3+ Nxg3+* Discovered Attack *77.Kg1 Rg2#)* 75.Rg1 Rf1 Deflection 76.Rxf1 g2#]
73.Kh1 Rf2 74.Rb3+ Rf3? -0.01/94
[74...Kh4 -#9/20 mates 75.Rb4 Nf4 *(75...Rxa2 76.Rxg4+ Kh5 77.Rh4+ Kxh4=)* 76.Kg1 g3 *(76...Rxa2 77.Rxf4 Kh3 78.Re4∓)* 77.Rc4 Kh3 78.Re4 Ne2+ 79.Rxe2 Rxe2 80.Kf1 Rxa2 *(80...Rf2+* is a self mate. *81.Ke1 Rxa2 82.Kf1 Kh2 83.Ke1 g2 84.Kd1 g1Q#)* 81.Ke1 g2 82.Kd1 g1Q#]
75.Rb1= Ng5 76.a4 Kh3 77.a5 Rf2 -7.05/5
[⌓77...g3 -#5/12 78.Rg1 Rf2 79.Rxg3+ Kxg3 80.Kg1 Nh3+ 81.Kh1 Rh2#]
78.Kg1 Ra2 79.a6 Nf3+ 80.Kf1? -#3/8
[80.Kh1= 0.00/5 Rh2#]



80...Kg3 81.a7 Rf2# Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.34. Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=14 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=5 Black=7 OK: White=9

Black=14 Best: White=1 Black=2
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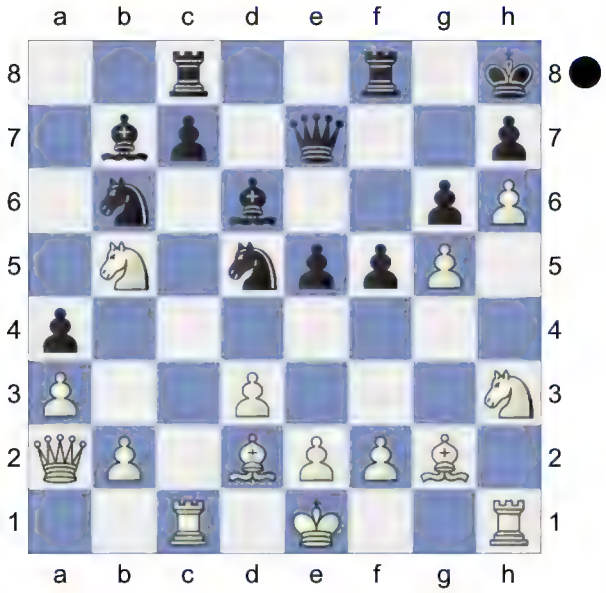
123 **A00**
□ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2496**
■ **Molenda,Marcin** **2368**
Titled Tue 12. Apr Late (2) 12.04.2022
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 Ne7 3.h4N**
[3.c4 Nbc6 *(3...Ng6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 h5 7.g5 Nh4 8.Be4 Nd4 9.e3 Ne6 10.f4 c6 11.Nf3 exf4 12.Nxh4 Qxg5 13.Nf3 Qg3+ 14.Kd2 Qg2+ 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Nh4 Nxe4+ 17.Kc2 Qf2 18.dxe4* 26 Chapter-Games Chapter 6 Game) 4.Nc3 d6 5.g5 Be6 6.Nd5 Qd7 7.h4 Nd8 8.d4 c6 9.Ne3 exd4 10.Qxd4 Nf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.e4 Be6 13.Ne2 c5 14.Qc3 Nc6 15.Bf4 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 Qc7 17.Kb1 Be7 Model Games-Game #2: Gareyev,T]
[3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nbc6 5.Qa4 Ng6 6.h4 Bc5 7.Nc3 Nxh4 8.Bd5 Qe7 9.g5 Nf5 10.Nf3 Nb4 11.a3 b5 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.g6 fxg6 14.Bg5 Nfd4 15.Nxd4 Qxg5 16.Nxc6 Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Rf8+ 25 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game]
3...Ng6 4.g5 d5 5.c4 Nf4 6.Bf1 -1.66/20
[6.Bf3∓ -1.04/19]
6...dxc4-+ 7.Nc3 -2.01/19
[7.Nf3∓ -1.60/19 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)

Repels Qd5 **7...b5** -1.15/19 **8.Nxb5** -1.65/19
[8.d3∓ -1.15/19 might work better.]
8...Bb7 9.Rh2 -1.97/17
[9.Nf3∓ -1.39/18 was called for.]
9...Bc5 -0.72/21
[9...Qd7!-+ -1.97/17 and Black stays clearly on top. 10.Nc3 Qg4]
10.Qa4∓ 0-0 ...Qd7 is the strong threat.
11.Qxc4 Nd7 -0.37/18
[11...Qe7∓ -1.02/18 12.d3 Ba6]
12.d3 -0.98/17
[12.d4∓ -0.37/18 Bd5 13.Qc3 exd4 14.Nxd4]
12...Qe7! Black has strong compensation. **13.Nh3** -1.39/20
[⌓13.Bh3 -0.90/18]
13...Nb6 14.Qc2 Nfd5 -0.68/20 Black has more active pieces.
[14...Ne6∓ -1.45/18 Strongly threatening ...Rad8. 15.Qd1 e4]
15.a3∓ a5 -0.02/20
[Black should play 15...a6∓ -0.82/20 16.Nc3 Nxc3 17.Qxc3 Bd4]
16.Bg2= f6? 2.40/21
[16...c6= -0.13/20 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 a4]
17.Bd2? 0.28/20

[17.gxf6!+- 2.40/21 gxf6 18.Bh6]
17...f5 1.30/20
[17...c6= 0.28/20 18.gxf6 Rxf6]
18.Rc1± Bd6 19.h5 0.02/20
[19.e4!± 1.27/19]
19...Rac8 0.99/21
[19...e4!= 0.02/20 20.Rh1 *(20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Rh1 e3∓)* 20...e3 21.fxe3 Bg3+ 22.Kf1 c6]
20.Qb3 0.07/21
[20.Bxa5 e4 21.dxe4 fxe4=]
[20.Qb1!± 0.99/21]
20...Kh8? 2.36/21
[20...a4= 0.07/21 21.Qa2 e4 22.Nxd6 cxd6]
21.h6 1.23/20
[White has to play 21.Bxa5+- 2.36/21 Rfe8 22.Nxd6 *(22.Bxb6 e4+-)* 22...Qxd6 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Qb4]
21...g6 2.41/21
[21...a4± 1.23/20 22.hxg7+ Kxg7]
22.Rh1? 0.38/21
[22.Bxa5+- 2.41/21 e4 23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.Rh1]
22...a4± 23.Qa2 -0.75/21
[23.Qd1!± 0.38/21]



23...Bc5 0.56/19
[23...Nb4!∓ -0.75/21 24.axb4 *(24.Bxb4? Bxg2 25.Rh2 Bxb4+ 26.axb4 Qxb4+ 27.Nc3 Qg4-+)* 24...Bxg2 25.Nxd6 cxd6]
24.b4 axb3 25.Qxb3 f4 1.21/21
[25...c6= 0.22/22 26.Nc3 Bxa3]
26.Be4 0.24/21
[26.Nxf4± 1.21/21 Bxf2+ *(26...exf4? 27.Qb2+ Kg8 28.Qg7+ Qxg7 29.hxg7+-)* 27.Kxf2]
26...f3 1.52/20 **27.e3?** -0.20/22
[27.exf3 Rb8±]
[27.Bxf3± 1.52/20 a4 would now be deadly. c6 28.Nc3]
27...c6= Repels a4 **28.Nc3 Bxa3**
29.Rb1 -0.52/21
[29.Ra1± 0.31/22 Bd6 30.Ng1]
29...Ba6? 1.48/23
[29...Rb8!∓ -0.52/21]
30.Ng1 -0.01/22
[30.Ra1 Nb4]
[Better is 30.Nxd5± 1.48/23 Nxd5 31.Ng1 *(31.Ra1 Rb8∓)*]
30...Rb8 Hoping for ...Nd7. **31.Nxf3**
[31.Bxd5? Nd7 *(31...cxd5 32.Nxd5 Nxd5 33.Qxb8=)* 32.Qa2 *(32.Qa4? Nc5-+)* 32...cxd5 33.Rxb8 Rxb8 34.Nxd5 Qe6 *(34...Qxg5? 35.Nxf3 Qg2 36.Qxa3-+; 34...Rb2? 35.Qxb2 Qf8 36.Bb4+-)* 35.Nxf3 *(35.Qxa3? Rb1+ 36.Bc1 Qxd5-+)* 35...Bxd3-+]
31...Nd7 32.Qa2 Black must now prevent Ke2. **32...Rxb1+** 0.77/24
[32...Nb4= -0.11/24 remains equal. 33.Rxb4 Qxb4]
33.Qxb1 0.01/23
[33.Nxb1± 0.77/24 Nb4 34.Bxb4 *(34.Qxa3? Nc2+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *35.Ke2 Nxa3-+)* 34...Bxb4+ 35.Kf1]
33...Nc5 0.58/22
[33...Qf7= 0.01/23]
34.Rh3? -2.78/23

[34.Nxe5!± 0.58/22 stays ahead. Qxe5 35.d4 Qxg5 *(35...Nxc3? 36.Bxc3+-)* 36.dxc5]

34...Nxc3? 1.30/23

[34...Nb4-+ -2.78/23 35.Ne2 Qd7 *(35...Bxd3 36.Bxd3 Nbxd3+ 37.Kf1-+; 35...Ncxd3+ 36.Kf1±; 35...Nbxd3+? 36.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 37.Kf1-+)* 36.Bxb4 Bxd3 *(36...Qxh3 37.Bxa3 Bxd3 38.Qb2+-)* 37.Nxe5 Bxb1 *(37...Qxh3? 38.Nxg6+ Kg8 39.Qa2+ Qe6 40.Qxa3+-)* 38.Nxd7 Bxb4+ *(38...Bxe4? 39.Bxc5 Bxc5 40.Nxc5+-)* 39.Kf1 Nxe4 40.Nxf8 Bxf8]

35.Bxc3± Nxe4 36.Bxe5+ -0.01/24

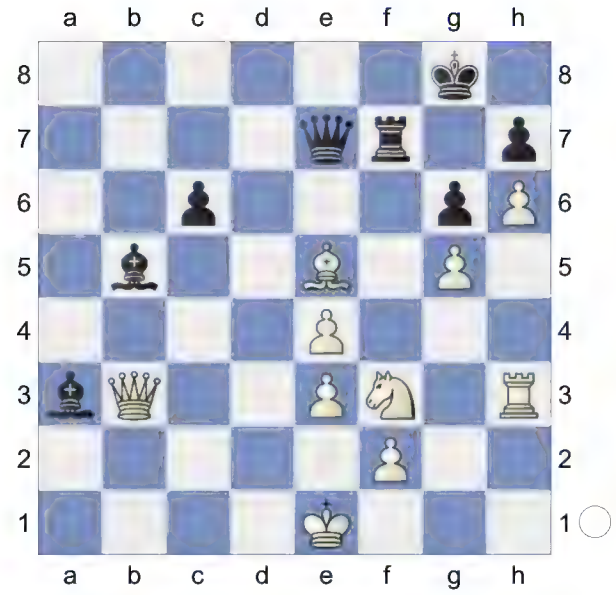
[36.dxe4+- 1.61/26 Qc5 37.Qb3 *(37.Bxe5+? perishes. Kg8-+)*]

36...Kg8= 37.Qb3+

[37.dxe4? loses. Bb4+ 38.Kd1 Qd7+ 39.Kc1 Qxh3-+]

37...Rf7 38.dxe4 Bb5? 4.90/21

[38...Bb4+= -0.01/24 39.Bc3 Bxc3+ 40.Qxc3 Qxe4]



39.Bf6? 0.17/26

[39.Bc3!+- 4.90/21]

39...Qc5? 2.97/23

[39...Qb4+= 0.17/26 and Black stays safe. 40.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 41.Kd1 Rd7+ 42.Kc1 Ba4]

40.Ne5?? -#2/6

[40.Bc3+- 2.97/23 Bc4 41.Qb8+ Rf8 42.Qe5 Qxe5 43.Nxe5]

40...Qc1+ 41.Qd1 Bb4# Weighted Error Value: White=1.01/Black=0.88. Loses game: White=1 Black=4 Missed win: White=5 Black=1 Mistake: White=14 Black=14 OK: White=10 Black=7 Best: --- Black=6 Strong: --- Black=1

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124 **A00**

□ **Maljutin,Evgeni** **2495**

■ **Lysova,Olga** **2010**

Moscow-ch (7) 1996

[Tim Sawyer,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.d3** This leads to a Pirc Reversed set-up, but there are many other second move options. Two of those options lead to Fool's Mates.

[2.f4?? Qh4# 0-1. N.N.-Staunton, England 1850]

[2.f3?? Qh4# 0-1. N.N.-Abrahams, England 1950]

[2.Nc3 h5 3.g5 d5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nge7 8.Nf3 e4 9.Nh4 Ng6 10.Nxg6 fxg6 11.c4 0-0 The famous attacking Grandmaster has doubled his g-pawns to get open lines toward the White King. 12.Rb1 Na5 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Qd3 White is making use of the pin on e4. Qa2 15.Qb5 a6 16.Qb2 Qd5 17.0-0 Bg4 18.c4 Nxc4 19.Qxb7 c6 20.Re1 Qxd4 21.Bf4 Qd5 22.Bg3 Nxa3 23.Rbc1 Nb5

24.Qxc6 Qxc6 25.Rxc6 Nd4 26.Rxg6 Nxe2+ White is in serious trouble. He tries an Exchange sacrifice and ends up getting away with it - for the most part! 27.Rxe2 Bxe2 28.Bxe4 Rad8 29.Be5 Rf7 30.f4 Bd3 *(30...a5!?)* 31.Bxd3 Rxd3 32.Rxa6 Rd2 33.g6 Rfd7 34.f5 Rd8 35.f6 gxf6 36.Rxf6 Re8 37.Bg3 Kg7 38.Rf2 Rd4 39.Rf4 Rxf4 40.Bxf4 Re2 41.Bg3 Kxg6 0-1 Skembris,S (2415)-Velimirovic,D (2520) Budva zt 1981 (13) This ending is very difficult to win, but Black was up to the task in]

[2.h3 Basman's favorite move order.

A) 2...h5!? 3.g5 *(3.gxh5 d5 4.e3=* but White's position could be vulnerable to a Kingside attack in 10 moves or so. *)*;

B) 2...Bc5 3.c4 Ne7 4.Nc3 a5 5.d3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbc6 7.Bg2 d6 8.g5 Be6 9.h4 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 This has turned into a rather unusual English Opening resembling a Dragon Sicilian Defense. 11.Ne4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Kh8 13.h5 f5 14.gxf6 Nxf6 15.Nh4 Nd4 16.Bg5 Nxe4 Black opts for a very promising queen sacrifice. 17.Bxd8 Nxf2 18.Qb1 Raxd8 19.Nf3 Ng4 20.h6 e4 21.hxg7+ Kxg7 22.dxe4 Bc4 Black has two Bishops, two Knights and two Rooks bearing down on the White King. White will have to return the Queen to avoid getting mated. 23.Qc1 Nxf3 24.Bxf3 Bd2 25.Rh4 Ne3+ 26.Kf2 Bxc1 27.Rxc1 Nd1+ 28.Kg3 Be6 29.b3 c6 30.Rh1 Ne3 31.Rc3 Nd1 32.Rc1 Ne3 33.Rc3 Nd1 34.Rc1 Ne3 35.Rc3 ½-½ Basman,M (2400)-Bellin,R (2395) BCF-ch Edinburgh 1985 (10) They could have agreed to a draw here, but Black wants to go for more. See]

[2.c4 Nf6 3.h3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.d3 Be6 7.Nf3 Qd7 8.e4 0-0-0 9.Be3 h5 Black has completed his development and now begins Kingside operations, before White is ready to handle an attack. 10.g5 Ng8 11.h4 Nge7 12.Qd2 Ng6 13.0-0-0 Bg4 14.Rdg1 Kb8 15.Ne1 Nd4 16.Nc2 Rhe8 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Ne2? *(18.Nd5!?)* 18...Bxe2 19.Qxe2 d5! 20.cxd5 Qa4 21.Kb1 Rxd5 22.Qxh5 Rd6 23.Qf3 *(23.b3* was the last chance.*)* 23...Ne5 24.Qd1 Ra6 25.a3 Qb5 White loses a pawn and the position collapses. I decided not to continue vs one of the strongest postal players in America at that time. 0-1. Sawyer-Bachler, corr. APCT 1992]

[2.h4 Be7 3.g5 h6 4.gxh6 Nxh6∓ 5.d4? White is hoping to trade his h-pawn for Black's e-pawn. Bxh4 6.Nf3 Bxf2+! 7.Kxf2 Ng4+ 8.Kg1 Rxh1+ 0-1. Sawyer-EggSalad, ICC 2000.]

2...d5 As a rule one does well to play both middle pawns to the center side by side early on if they are not opposed.

[2...h6 Such a slow move as this gives justification to 1.g4. 3.h4 d5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Be2 a6 6.Nd2 Nc6 7.Nf1 Bc5 8.Ng3 Be6 1-0 Grob,H-Steinbruchel corr 1965 Even with the slow 2...h6 move Black has a 4-2 lead in minor piece development. Alas, Black once again becomes very slow in getting his army moving. White simply outplayed him and won with ease in]

[2...Nc6 3.h3 *(3.Bg2 d6 4.e4 Nf6*

5.h3 Be6 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 Nd4 8.Nge2 Nxe2 9.Qxe2 Nd7 10.Be3 c6 11.b3 Bg5 This is a strategically sound manuever; White's light-squared Bishop is limited in score, so Black plays to exchange the Bishops on the dark squares. *12.Bxg5 Qxg5 13.Qd2 h6 14.Ne2 Nf8 15.f4 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 0-0-0 17.f5 Bd7 18.Qe3 Kb8 19.Kc2 Qg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.Ng1 Bc8 22.Nf3 Nh7 23.h4 gxh4 24.Rxh4 Nf6 25.Rah1 Rxh4 26.Rxh4 Kc7 27.g5 Nd7 28.Rh7 Rg8* White has more space, but it is nothing that he wants to push in view of his bad Bishop. ½-½. O'Brien-Harding, Brighton 1972.*)* 3...Nge7 4.Nf3 d5 5.b4 White opts to pull the Knight on c6 away from the support of e5. a6 6.a3 f6 7.Nbd2 Be6 8.c3 Ng6 9.Bb2 Be7 10.c4 Basman shows in this game a flair for expanding on both flanks so well that Black becomes weak in the middle. In a sense, the play is all over the board at the same time. dxc4 11.dxc4 a5 12.b5 Nb8 13.Qc2 Nd7 14.Rd1 Qb8 15.Ne4 Qa7 16.e3 0-0 17.Rg1 Rfd8 18.h4 Nh8 19.g5 f5 20.Ng3 f4 21.exf4 Bg4 22.Be2 Bc5 23.Ne4 Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Ng6 25.f5 Nf4 26.h5 Bd4 27.Bxd4 exd4 28.Qd2 The Black Knight is caught out in the middle. 1-0. Basman-Horvath, Ribnica 1979.]

3.Bg2 c6

[3...Bxg4! Capturing this pawn is very reasonable. White's pawn on d3 is a waste of time in this line. I include this game not because I like to highlight my blitz losses to strong computers, but because if you are Black, you should seriously consider this variation. 4.c4 Bc5 5.Be3? *(5.cxd5* followed by -- *6.Qb3* is the most logical continuation. After the move I chose, White has nothing for his pawn. *)* 5...Bxe3 6.fxe3 c6 7.cxd5 Qh4+ 8.Kd2 Qf2 9.Qf1 Qxf1 10.Bxf1 cxd5 11.Bg2 Be6 12.e4 d4 13.Bh3 Bxh3 14.Nxh3 Ne7 15.Na3 0-0 16.Nc4 Nbc6 17.Ng5 b5 18.Nd6 h6 19.Nf3 a6 20.Nf5 Ng6 21.N3h4 Kh7 22.Nxg6 fxg6 23.Nh4 Rac8 24.Raf1 Rxf1 25.Rxf1 Nb4 26.Rc1 Rxc1 27.Kxc1 Nxa2+ 0-1 Sawyer,T (2391)-EggSalad (2730) ICC 5 0 u Internet Chess Club 2000 Down two pawns, White had no chance in]

4.h3 Here White opts for the safer "Short Spike" approach.

[4.g5 "The Spike" Bd6 5.h4 h6 Opening up the Kingside will give the White King no safe place to hide, since White will have to open the Queenside if he wants any play at all. 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Nbd2 hxg5 8.hxg5 Rxh1+ 9.Bxh1 Ne7 10.c4 Qa5 11.Qb3 Na6 12.Qc3 Qc7 13.a3 Ng6 14.b4 Qe7 15.Qb3 e4 16.dxe4 dxe4 17.Nd4 Be5 18.Bb2 0-0-0 19.Nc2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Nf4 21.Bxe4 Ng2+ The Knight cannot be taken without getting mated on e2. 0-1. Fritz-Schlenker, Reutlingen 1866.]

4...Bd6

[4...f5!? When Black is solid in the center, he usually does well to open up the f-file vs the Grob. 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.c4?! *(* This is a dubious sacrifice of the g4 pawn. Better is *6.gxf5 Bxf5∓)* 6...fxg4 7.hxg4 Bxg4 8.cxd5 cxd5∓ 9.Nh4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Ng6 Taking away Black's Kingside castling option. Rg8 12.Nh4 Nc6 13.a3 Qd7 14.Bg5 The attack on the Knight

places d5 in jepardy. 0-0-0? (Drops the d-pawn. Of course *14...d4!∓*) 15.Rc1 Kb8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Nxd5 Be7 19.Nxe7 *(19.e4!?=)* 19...Qxe7 20.Rxc6? (A ridiculous sacrifice, ruining a decent position. Instead *20.Nf5 Qd7 21.Ng3=* gives White a playable position.) 20...bxc6-+ 0-1 grobdigger (2324)-weasel (2460) ICC 3 3 Internet Chess Club 2000]

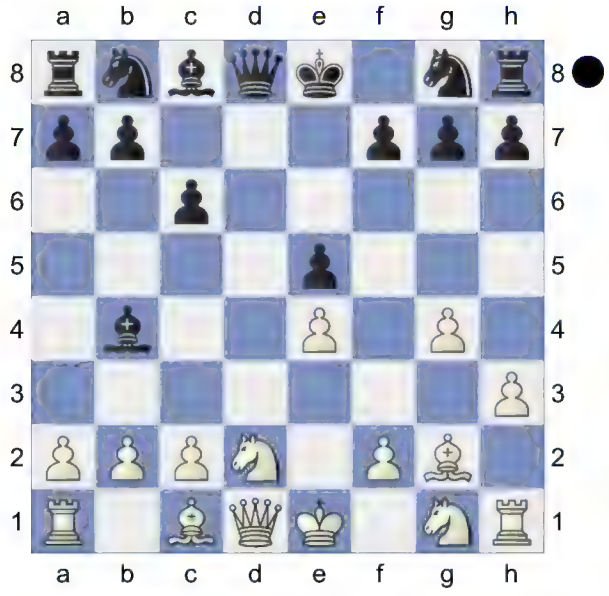
5.e4N

[5.c4 Ne7 6.Nc3 Be6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Bb4+ 9.Kf1 0-0 10.Nf3 f6 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 Nd7 13.Ng3 a5 14.b5 Nc3 15.Qd2 Nxb5 16.Nh4 Nd4 17.Rb1 Nc5 18.Qc3 Na4 19.Qe1 Qd7 0-1 14.♖ad1 ♖c8 15.♗b3 ♕f-Tay,J (2245) USSR 48/275 1989]

5...dxe4 6.dxe4 Bb4+ -0.26/20

[6...Ne7∓ -0.64/19]

7.Nd2



h5! With so many holes in White's Kingside, Black wants more open lines.

8.c3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bc5 9.gxh5 Qg5** 0.40/19

[9...Nf6∓ -0.37/13]

10.Qf3 -0.10/19

[10.Ngf3!± 0.40/19 Qxh5 *(10...Qxg2 11.Rh2±)* 11.Nc4]

10...Qxh5= 11.Qg3 -0.59/16

[11.Qxh5= -0.04/19 Rxh5 12.Nc4]

11...Ne7 -0.05/12

[Black should play 11...Be6∓ -0.59/16]

12.Nc4

[12.b4 simplifies Bb6 13.Nc4 Qg6 14.Nxe5 Qxg3 15.fxg3 Be6 16.Ngf3]

12...f6? 0.24/10

[12...Ng6 is a natural way to defend e5 and block the attack on g7.]

[12...Ng6 -0.17/14 deserves consideration.]

13.b4

[13.Be3 simplifies Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Na6 15.Ne2]

13...b5 14.bxc5 bxc4 15.Qxg7± Rg8 16.Bf3! Qh4 17.Qh6 White is more active. **17...Qxh6** 1.42/9

[17...Ng6!± 0.59/12]

18.Bxh6 Na6 1.95/11

[18...Ng6± 1.47/11 might work better. 19.Be3 Nh4]

19.Bh5++- It is amazing that at this point the sides have only two minor pieces developed! One of the keys for defeating the Grob is for Black to develop all his pieces quickly. Now it's too late. White's Bishops have come alive, and Black's game has completely collapsed. **19...Ng6 20.Nf3** Threatens to win with Rg1. **20...Ke7** 3.27/21

[20...Nxc5? is the wrong capture. 21.Rg1+-]

[20...Be6 1.99/21 keeps fighting.]

21.Rg1 Black drops the Knight and the game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.38. Mistake: White=2 Black=7 Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=5 Black=5 Best: White=2 --- Strong:

White=1 ---
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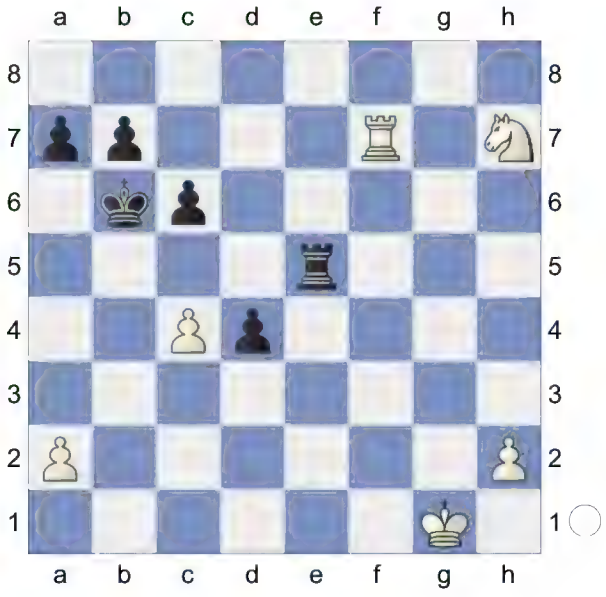
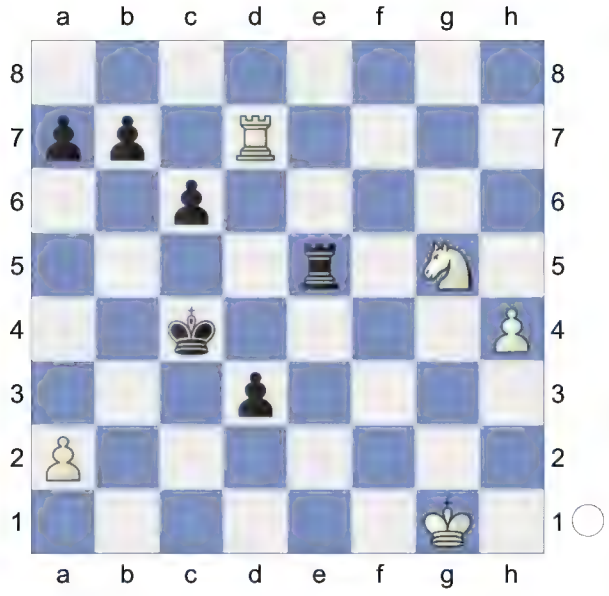
125 **A00**
□ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2494**
■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
Titled Tue 14. Jun Early (3) 14.06.2022
[MH]

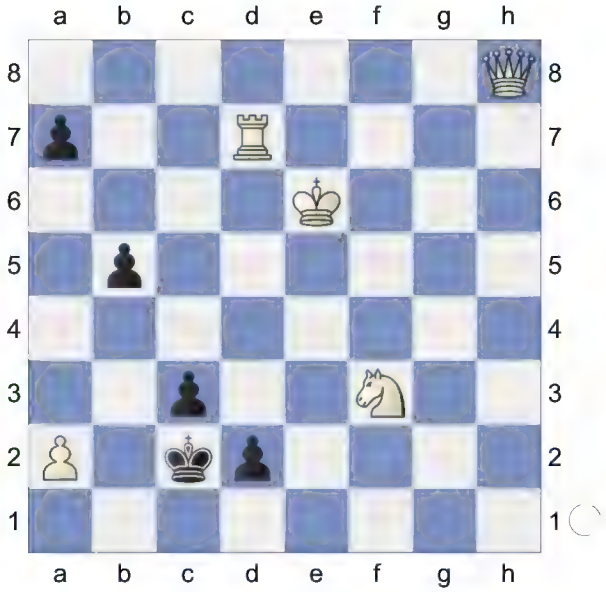
A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.c4N**
[3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 *(4...Nd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3* 1-0 5. ♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7. ♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005*)* 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3
A) 7...a5 8.Bd2 *(8.Bg5 a4 9.Nxa4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nd5 17.h5 h6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.h6 g4* Oh,G-The Grob. White insists on p*)* 8...a4 9.Qc2 f5 10.e3 0-0 Oh,G-The Grob. Just say no to tas;
B) 7...h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 Boenisch,M olm2 qual GP2 B2 corr 1948]
3...dxc4 4.Na3 Bxg4 5.Nxc4 Be6 6.b3 Nf6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nf3 Black is better. **8...g6 9.Ng5 Bd5 10.e4 Bxc4 11.bxc4 e5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.d4 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.e5** -1.99/22
[15.Qxd4∓ -0.94/21 Qb6 16.Rad1 Qxd4 17.Rxd4]
15...Nh5-+
[15...Nxe5 16.Re1 Nfd7 17.Nf3=]
16.f4 Nc5 ...d3 is the strong threat.
17.Qg4 -2.14/20
[17.Qd2 -1.70/19 keeps fighting.]
17...Ng7 18.f5? -4.20/20
[18.Qh3 -2.13/17 was worth a try.]
18...Nxf5 19.Rxf5 gxf5 20.Qxf5 Qe7 21.Rf1 Ne6 22.Nxf7 Rf8 23.Bf3 Kd7
[23...Rxf7 24.Bh5 Qg5+ 25.Qxg5 Nxg5 26.e6 Nxe6 *(26...Nh3+? 27.Kg2+-)* 27.Rxf7∓]
24.Bg4 Rae8 25.Qxh7 Kc7? -0.01/16
[25...Rg8!-+ -3.64/20 26.h3 Kc7]
26.Bxe6= Remove Defender, Deflection
26...Qxe6 1.27/20
[26...Rh8!∓ -0.62/21 keeps the upper hand. 27.Qe4 *(27.Nxh8? Qxh7 28.Rf7+ Qxf7-+)* 27...Rhg8+ *(27...Qxe6 28.Nxh8 Rxh8 29.Qxd4=)* 28.Bg4 Qh4]
27.Ng5+± Discovered Attack (Check)
27...Qd7 28.Rxf8 Qxh7 29.Nxh7 Rxe5 Endgame. KRN-KR **30.Rf7+** 0.61/21
[30.Rf3± 1.28/19]
30...Kb6 1.42/20
[Black should try 30...Kd6± 0.61/21]



31.Rd7 0.12/19
[White should play 31.Nf8!± 1.42/20 Nd7+ would now be deadly. Re2 32.Rf2 *(32.Nd7+ Ka5±)* 32...Re1+ 33.Rf1]
31...Kc5= 32.h4
[32.Rxb7 Kxc4 33.Rc7 *(33.Rxa7 d3-+)* 33...c5]
32...Kxc4 0.37/21
[32...Rh5= 0.01/21 deserves consideration.]
33.Ng5±
[33.Rxb7 d3 34.Rd7 Re2±]
33...d3



34.Nf3!
[34.Rxb7 d2 35.Rd7 Rd5 *(35...Re1+? 36.Kf2-+)* 36.Rxd5 Kxd5-+ *(36...cxd5? 37.Nf3-+)*]
34...Re3 35.Kf2 Re2+ 36.Kg3 Threatens to win with h5. **36...Kc3**
37.h5 Re6 2.42/20
[37...b5± 0.83/20]
38.Kg4? 0.68/22
[White must play 38.Rxb7+- 2.42/20 Black must now prevent Rb3+. c5 39.Rxa7]
38...c5 39.Kf5
[39.Rxb7 c4 40.Rd7 *(40.Rxa7 Rd6±)* 40...Re8±]
39...b5? #10/21 **40.Kxe6 c4 41.h6 Kc2 42.h7 c3 43.h8Q d2**



44.Nxd2! cxd2
[44...Kb2 45.Nb1]
45.Qh2 Kb2 46.Qxd2+ Ka3 47.Qa5+ Kb2 48.Qxb5+ 16.31/5
[⌓48.Rd2+ #3/8 Kc1 49.Qc3+ Kb1 50.Qb2#]
48...Kxa2 49.Rxa7# What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.47. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=1 Black=1 Mistake: White=5 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=2 OK: White=11 Black=15 Best: White=3 Black=3 Strong: White=1 ---
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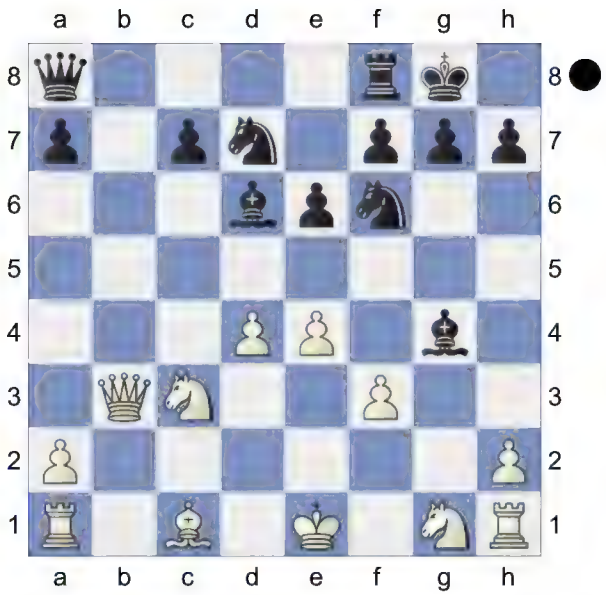
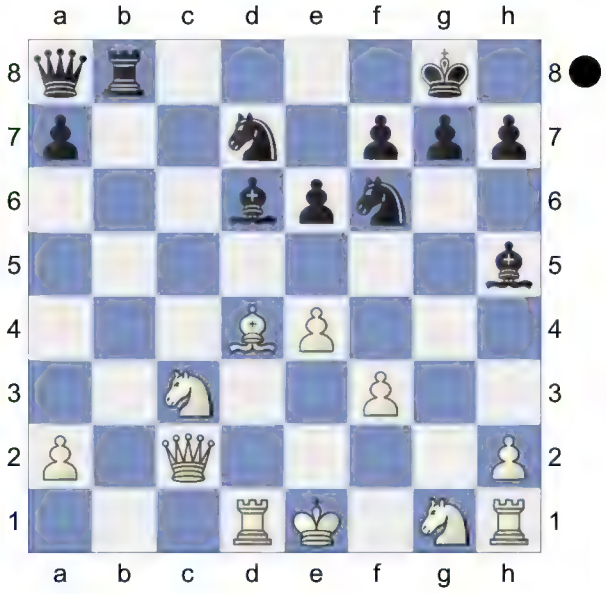
126 **A00**
□ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2494**
■ **Reprintsev,Alexander** **2353**
Titled Tue 14. Jun Early (2) 14.06.2022
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e6N** 0.50/18
[Black should play 6...e5∓ -0.31/19 7.Qc2 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.d3 cxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.e4 Be6 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0-0 Qb7 15.Nge2 Rb8 16.Qc2 Be3+ 17.Kb1 c5 18.Rd3 Bd4 19.Ng3 Qa6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Nd5 4 Chapter-Games Chapter 11 Game 22.Nxd5 Rxb2+ 23.Qxb2 Qxd3+ 24.Qc2 Qxf3 25.Ne7+ Kf8 26.Rd1 Kxe7 27.f6+ Qxf6 28.Qxh7 Qb6+ 29.Kc2 Qb2+ 30.Kd3 Qc3+ 31.Ke4 Qe3+ 32.Kd5 Qf3+ 4 Chapter-Games Chapter 11 Game]
7.b3 -0.30/18
[Better is 7.Qa4!± 0.50/18]
7...cxb3 0.32/19
[7...Qd8= -0.30/18]
8.Qxb3 -0.18/21
[8.Nc3± 0.32/19]
8...Bd6 9.Nc3 Ngf6 10.d4? -1.55/20
[10.Nb5± 0.31/21 keeps the upper hand.]
10...0-0∓ Black has strong compensation. **11.e4** -1.90/18
[11.Qa4∓ -1.37/19]

(Diagram)



Prevents Bf5 **11...Bh5** -1.32/19
This pair of bishops is nice.
[11...c5!-+ -1.90/18 12.h3 Bh5]
12.Be3 c5 -1.26/18
[12...Rb8-+ -1.66/21 13.Qc2 Bb4]
13.Rd1 -1.75/23
[13.Kf2∓ -1.26/18]
13...Rb8 14.Qc2 cxd4 15.Bxd4



Bb4! 16.Kf2? -5.44/21
[16.Rc1∓ -1.49/19 is more resistant.]
16...Rc8? -0.44/19
[16...e5-+ -5.44/21 17.Be3 Bxc3 Remove Defender]

17.Nge2∓ e5 18.Be3 Nc5 0.01/21 Prevents Qb3.
[18...Qc6∓ -0.38/20]
19.Rc1? -4.81/23
[19.Bxc5= 0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry. Bxc5+ 20.Kg2]
19...Ne6? 0.52/22
[19...Ncxe4+-+ -4.81/23 20.fxe4 Bxc3]
20.Qb3 -0.01/22
[20.Qd3!± 0.52/22]
20...Rb8
[20...Bxf3!? 21.Qxb4 *(21.Kxf3 Bxc3 22.Nxc3 Rxc3=* Remove Defender*)* 21...a5= *(21...Bxh1 22.Rxh1 a5* Deflection *23.Qb6=)*]
21.Rb1 Bd6 1.15/20
[21...Ng5= 0.17/20 22.Qc4 Bxf3 23.Bxg5 Nxe4+ 24.Nxe4 *(24.Kxf3? Nd2+* Discovered Attack (Double Check), Double Attack *25.Ke3 Nxc4+-+)* 24...Bxe4]
22.Qa4± The board is on fire. **22...Rc8** 2.24/22
[22...Re8± 1.08/18]
23.Rhd1 0.94/23
[23.Qxa7+- 2.24/22 is more deadly. Qxa7 24.Bxa7]
23...Bc5 1.49/22
[⌓23...Nc5 0.94/23 24.Qb5 a6]
24.Bxc5 0.96/22
[⌓24.Nd5 1.49/22]
24...Nxc5 25.Qa5 aiming for Rbc1.
25...h6 26.Ng3 Black must now prevent Nd5. Active counter play! **26...Bg6** 1.53/20
[⌓26...Kh7 0.91/22]
27.Kg1 0.91/23
[⌓27.Rbc1 1.53/20]
27...Qc6 1.82/22
[27...a6± 0.91/23 was called for.]
28.Rd8+
[28.Qxa7 Kh7±]
28...Kh7 29.Rb8 0.01/23
[29.Rxc8± 1.13/21 Qxc8 30.Rd1 *(30.Qxa7 Nd3±)*]
29...Rxb8= 30.Rxb8 Nfd7 31.Rb1↑ Black is under pressure. **31...Nb6** 1.34/22 Against Nd5
[31...Qf6= -0.01/21 remains equal. 32.Kg2 *(32.Qxa7? Qxf3 33.Rd1 Qe3+ 34.Kg2 Qxc3-+)* 32...h5]
32.Qb5
[Don't do 32.Qxa7 Ne6 33.Nce2 *(33.Qxb6 Qxc3 34.Qb3 Qc5+ 35.Kf1 Qc8±; 33.Rxb6 Qc5+ 34.Kf1 Qxc3=)* 33...Nc4±]
32...Qc8 1.46/22
[Black should try 32...Qc7 1.08/21]
33.Rc1± Threatens to win with Na4!
33...Ne6 1.90/22
[33...Qf8± 1.44/21 might work better. 34.Qb4 Nbd7]
34.Qxe5 1.34/20
[34.Nce2+- 1.90/22 Qb8 35.Kf2]
34...Nc4 2.41/22
[34...Ng5± 1.34/20 35.Rf1 Nc4]
35.Qb5?? -1.69/22
[35.Nce2+- 2.41/22 Nxe5 36.Rxc8 Nxf3+ 37.Kh1]
35...Nd6 2.90/21
[35...Nd4-+ -1.69/22 and life is good for Black. 36.Qd5 Nxf3+ 37.Kf2 Nce5 *(37...Nxh2 38.Nce2∓)*]
36.Qb4+- Qc7 4.84/21
[36...Qa6 2.68/19 37.Nd5 f5]
37.Nce2 Qd8 38.Rd1 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.74. Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: White=1 Black=3 Mistake: White=11 Black=15 Inaccurate: --- Black=3 OK: White=9 Black=4 Best: White=1 Black=3
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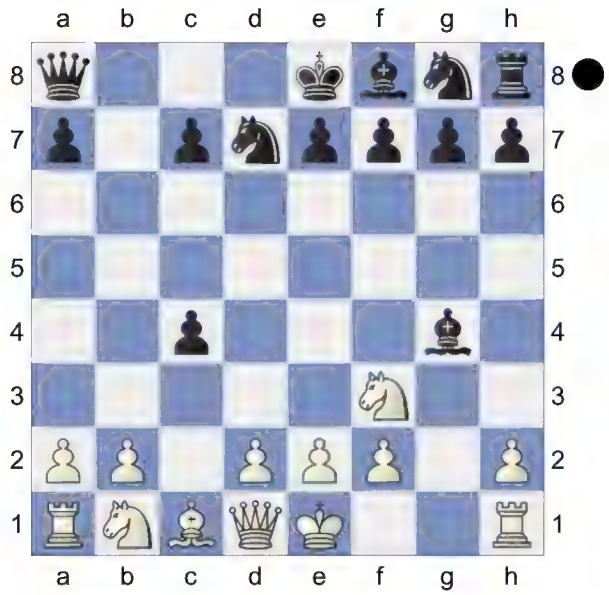
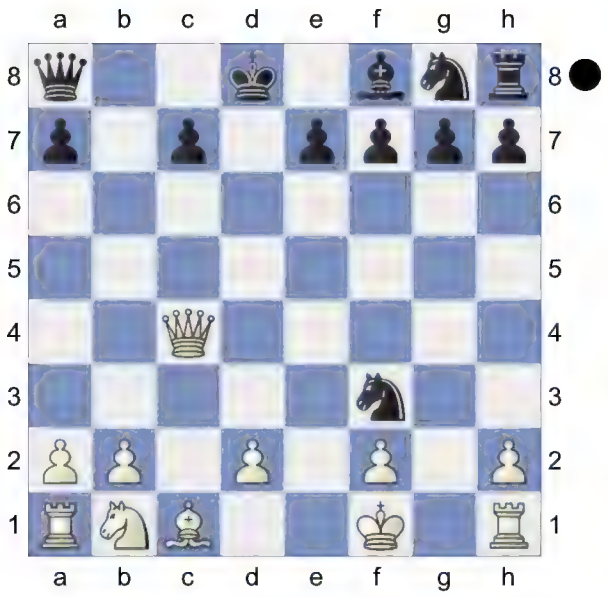
127 **A00**
□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2492**
■ **Nematov,Tokhir** **2103**
Titled Tue 23rd Sep 2025 (2) 23.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 dxc4
[3...c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]
[3...Nf6 4.cxd5 c6 5.h3 Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Qa5 15.Rg1 Rab8 16.Rc1 Rb4 17.Qxc6 Qh5 18.Nd1 1-0 (55) RaspFish (3016)-InanisBot (2547) Rapid 2024]
4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.Nf3N -2.12/24
[6.f3!∓ -0.63/23 Ngf6 *(6...e6 7.b3 cxb3 8.Qxb3 Bd6 9.Nc3 Ngf6 10.d4 0-0 11.e4 Bh5 12.Be3 c5 13.Rd1 Rb8 14.Qc2 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Bb4 16.Kf2 Rc8 17.Nge2 e5 18.Be3 Nc5 19.Rc1 Ne6 20.Qb3 Rb8 21.Rb1* 1-0 (38) Beerdsen,T (2494)-Reprintsev,A (2353) Titled Tue 14. Jun Early 2022 (2)*; 6...Bh5 7.Qa4 e5 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nh3 e4 13.0-0-0 exf3 14.Rhg1 fxe2 15.Rde1 Ne5 16.Qb5 a6 17.Qa5 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Nxe1 19.Rxe1 Bg6+ 20.Ka1 Qg2 21.Qxa6* 0-1 (30) Mikaelyan,A (2521)-Di Berardino,D (2479) Titled Tue 22. Aug Late 2023 (8)*)* 7.Qa4 e5 8.Qxc4 Bc5 9.Nc3 0-0 10.d3 Rb8 11.h4 Rb4 12.Qa6 Be6 13.h5 h6 14.Nh3 Rh4 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Nf2 Rxh1+ 17.Nxh1 Be3 18.Nf2 Nc5 19.Qb5 Qd8 20.Ncd1 Qd4 21.Nxe3 1-0 (40) Sarana,A (2649)-Andreikin,D (2725) Titled Arena Apr 3rd 2021 blitz]

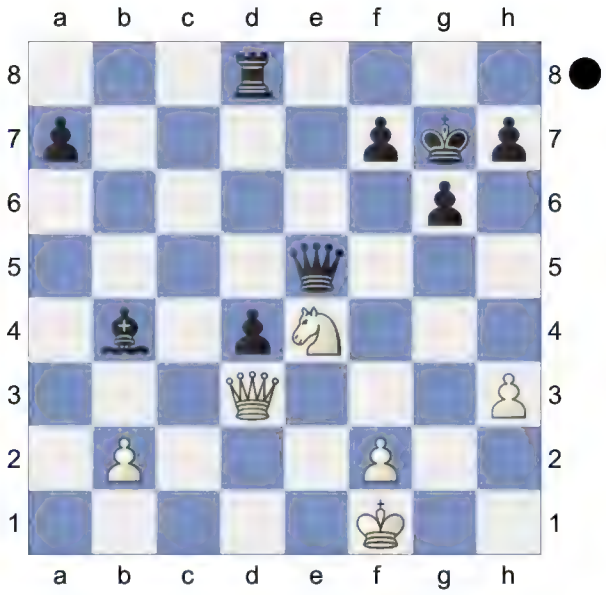


6...Bxf3? -0.33/23
[6...Ne5!-+ -2.12/24 7.Qa4+ Kd8]
7.exf3∓ Ne5 -0.01/23
[7...e6!∓ -0.60/22 8.d4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bd6]
8.Kf1 -0.59/23
[8.Qa4+ Kd8 9.d3 Nxf3+ *(9...Nxd3+ 10.Ke2∓; 9...Qxf3 10.0-0∓)* 10.Kf1 cxd3-+]
[8.d4= -0.01/23 Nxf3+ *(8...Qxf3 9.0-0±)* 9.Kf1]
8...Nxf3→ Black attacks. **9.Qa4+** -0.94/24
[9.Nc3∓ -0.39/24]
9...Kd8∓ Black is more active. **10.Qxc4**

(Diagram)



Nxd2+? 0.46/24 **11.Bxd2** -1.03/19
[11.Nxd2± 0.46/24 was the only good move. Qxh1+ 12.Ke2]
11...Qxh1+ 12.Ke2 Nf6 -0.01/18
[12...Qxh2 13.Qd5+ *(13.Qxf7 Nf6∓)* 13...Ke8 14.Qa8+ Kd7 15.Qxf8 Qe5+ 16.Kf1 Qxb2 17.Bc3 Qc1+ 18.Ke2 Qc2+ 19.Bd2 Qe4+ *(19...Qb2 20.Nc3±)* 20.Be3 Qg4+ *(20...Qe5 21.Nc3±)* 21.f3 Qc4+ 22.Kf2 Qh4+ 23.Kg2±]
[Black should play 12...e6∓ -1.39/21 Threatens to win with ...Bd6!. 13.Qd4+ Kc8 14.Qxa7 Nf6 *(14...Qxh2? 15.Qa8+ Kd7 16.Qxf8+-)* 15.Qa6+ Qb7 16.Qxb7+ Kxb7]
13.Nc3!= Qxa1 14.Nb5! Ne8
[14...Qxb2 15.Qxc7+ Ke8 16.Qc8#]
15.Qd4+ Nd6 White is on the road to losing. **16.Ba5?** -8.78/20
[16.Qxa7= -0.01/19 Kd7 *(16...Nxb5 17.Qb8+ Kd7 18.Qxb5+ c6 19.Qb7+ Ke6 20.Qxc6+ Kf5 21.Qf3+ Ke6 22.Qe4+ Kd6 23.Bf4+ Kc5 24.Qe5+ Kc6 25.Qc3+ Kd5 26.Qb3+ Kc6 27.Qc4+ Kb6 28.Qc7+ Kb5 29.Qd7+ Ka6 30.Qc6+ Ka7 31.Qb5+-; 16...Qxb2 17.Qxc7+ Ke8 18.Qc6+ Kd8 19.Qc7+ Ke8 20.Qc6+ Kd8 21.Qc7+=)* 17.Qxc7+ Ke6 18.Qc6 Qxb2 *(18...Qxa2 19.Nc7+ Kf6 20.Qf3+ Nf5 21.Qc6+ Nd6 22.Qf3+ Nf5 23.Ne8+ Ke6 24.Qe4+ Kd7 25.Qb7+ Ke6 26.Qc8+ Ke5 27.f4+ Kd4 28.Qc3+ Kd5 29.Nc7+ Kd6 30.Nb5+ Kd5 31.b3+-)* 19.Nc7+ Kf6 20.Qf3+ Nf5 21.Ne8+ Ke5 22.Qf4+ Kd5 *(22...Ke6 23.Qe4+ Kd7 24.Qa4+ Kc8 25.Qa8+ Kd7 26.Qa4+ Kc8 27.Qa8+ Kd7 28.Qa4+=)* 23.Qf3+ Ke6 *(23...Ke5 24.Qf4+ Kd5 25.Qf3+ Ke5=)* 24.Qe4+ Kd7 *(24...Qe5? 25.Nc7+ Kf6 26.Bc3+-* Pin *)* 25.Qa4+ Kc8 26.Qc6+ Kb8 27.Qc7+ Ka8 28.Qa5+ Kb7 29.Qxf5]
16...Qxa2-+ 17.Bxc7+ Kd7 18.Bxd6 exd6 19.Qc3 Be7 20.Qc7+ Ke6 21.Kf1 Qb1+ 22.Kg2 Qe4+ 23.Kg1 Rd8 24.Nc3 Qe1+ 25.Kg2 Qe5 26.Qc4+ d5 27.Qa6+ Bd6 28.Kf1 Kf6 29.Qd3 g6 30.h3 Kg7 31.Qf3 d4 32.Ne4 Bb4 33.Qd3



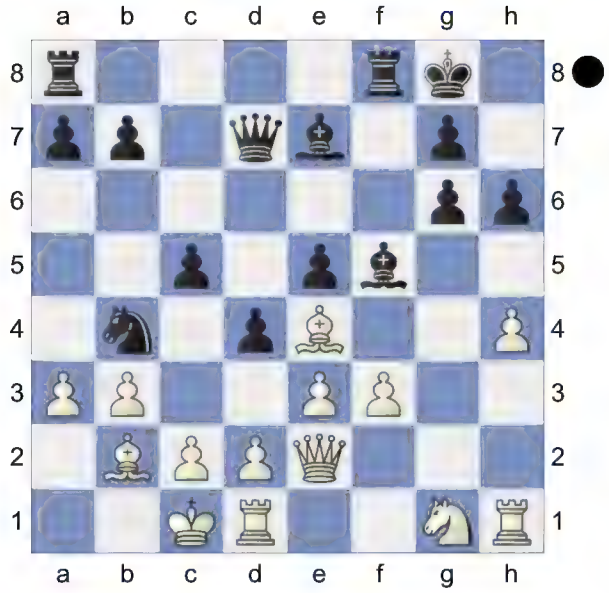
a6! 34.Ng3
[34.Kg1 Re8]
34...Qb5 35.Qxb5 axb5 36.Ke2 Rc8

-12.88/21
[⌓36...d3+ -#18/22 37.Kf1 d2 38.Kg2 d1Q *(38...d1R? 39.b3-+)* 39.h4 Rd3 *(39...Qd5+* gets mated. *40.Kg1 Qf3 41.h5 Rd1+ 42.Kh2 Bd6 43.h6+ Kg8 44.Kh3 Rh1#)* 40.h5 Qf3+ *(40...gxh5 41.Nf5+ Kg6 42.Ne3 Qe2 43.Kg1 Bc5 44.Kh2 Qxf2+ 45.Kh1)* 41.Kg1 Rd1+ *(41...gxh5 42.Nxh5+ Qxh5 43.f3 Bc5+ 44.Kf1 Qh1+ 45.Ke2 Qd1#)* 42.Nf1 gxh5 *(42...Qxh5 43.Kg2 Qd5+ 44.f3 Qd3 45.Nh2 Qd2+ 46.Kh3 Rh1 47.Kg3 Qxh2+ 48.Kg4 Qh4#; 42...Qg4+ 43.Kh2 Bd6+ 44.Ng3 Bxg3+* Remove Defender *45.fxg3 Qe2+ 46.Kh3 Rh1#)* 43.b3 Qh3 44.f4 Rxf1#]
37.Kd3 Rc1 38.Ne4 Rd1+ 39.Kc2 Rh1 40.Kd3 Be7 41.h4 Rh3+ 42.Kxd4 Rxh4 43.f3 f5 44.Kd5 fxe4 45.fxe4 Rf4 46.Kd4 Rf7 47.Ke3 h5 48.e5 h4 49.Ke4 h3 50.Kd5 Rf5 51.Ke6 h2 52.Kd5 h1Q+ 53.Ke6 Qe4 54.Kd7 Qxe5 55.Kc6 Rf6+ 56.Kb7 Bf8 -33.83/5
[⌓56...Qd5+ -#4/10 57.Kc7 Qd8+ 58.Kb7 Qd7+ 59.Kb8 Rf8#]
57.b4 Bxb4 -12.52/5
[⌓57...Qe7+ -#3/8 58.Kb8 Rd6 59.Kc8 Rd8#]
58.Ka7 Qe7+ 59.Ka8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/Black=0.41
59...Rf8#
0-1

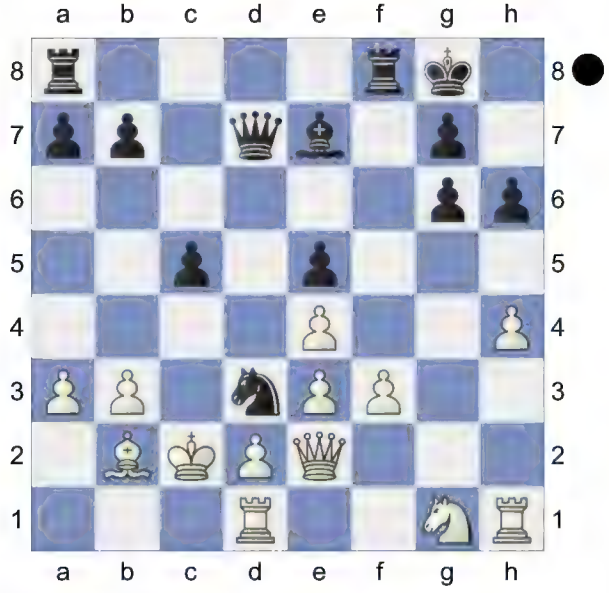
128 **A00**
□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2483**
■ **Injac,Teodora** **2411**
Swiss Queens Wed #26 2024 (9.56)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**
[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4.3)]
1...d5 2.g5 c5N
[2...Nc6 3.d4 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Na3 Nge7 7.Nf3 Ng6 8.h4 Qe7 9.Nb5 a6 10.Nxd6+ Qxd6 11.h5 Nge7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Qd2 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Bd4 Qe6 17.h6 1-0 9.h5 ♗h7 10. ♗d3 ♗d3-Heinert,E FIDE GP 2014 (1) Rhe8 18.hxg7 Bg4 19.Rxh7 Ng8 20.Be3 Bf5 21.Rh4 Be4 22.Bh3 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Qxf5 24.0-0-0 f6 25.Qd3 Qe6 26.gxf6 Qxf6 27.Rg4 Ne7 28.Bd4 Qe6 29.Qf3 Nf5 30.Rg5 Nxd4 31.Rxd4 Rd7 32.Rf4 1-0 9.h5 ♗h7 10. ♗d3 ♗d3-Heinert,E FIDE GP 2014 (1)]
3.h4 Nc6 4.b3 e5 5.Bb2 h6 6.g6 fxg6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.e3 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Bg4 9.Be2 Be6 10.Bf3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Qd7 13.Bg2 d4 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bf5**

16.f3 Nb4 17.a3? -5.29/9
[17.exd4 -3.27/11 cxd4 *(17...exd4? 18.Qg2-+)* 18.c4]



17...d3-+ 18.cxd3 -7.66/21
[⌓18.Qh2 -5.02/18 dxc2 *(18...Nxc2? 19.Qxe5 Rf7 20.Qd5-+)* 19.Re1 Bxe4 20.axb4]
18...Bxe4 19.dxe4 Nd3+ 20.Kc2



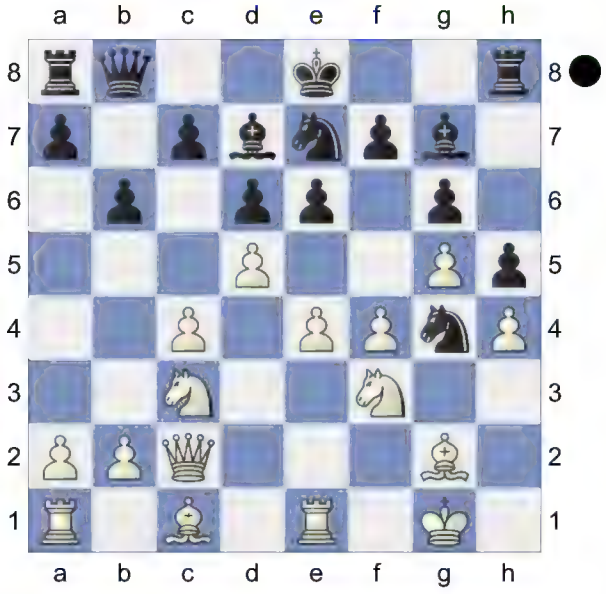
c4! 21.bxc4
[21.Ra1 Qb5]
21...Rfd8 22.Kb3 Prevents Qa4+
22...b5 23.c5 Qe6+ 24.Kc2 Qc4+

Weighted Error Value: White=1.18/Black=0.30. Mistake: White=2 --- Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=3 Black=9 Best: --- Black=1
0-1

129 **A00**
□ **Darth__Nihilus** **2474**
■ **maybenotit** **2815**
Blitz 15.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

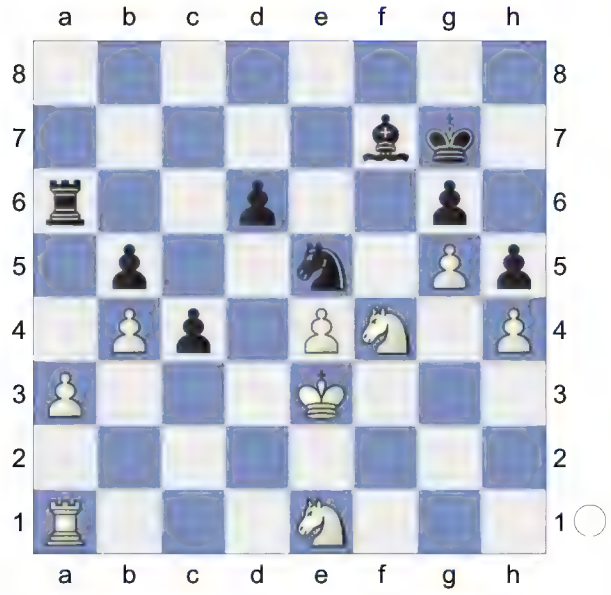
Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d6 2.Bg2 Nc6
[2...e5 3.h3 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6 8.b3 Be6 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.e3 d5 11.Nge2 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.0-0-0 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.N4g3 h5 17.h4 1-0 (27) Duda,J (2731)-Sonis,F (2562) Titled Tue 16th Apr Early blitz 2024 (11)]
3.g5 g6N
[3...f6 4.h4 g6 5.d4 h6 6.Qd3 f5 7.f4 Qd7 8.d5 Nb4 9.Qc3 a5 10.Qxh8 Nxc2+ 11.Kf1 Kf7 12.Qh7+ Bg7 13.h5 gxh5 14.Rxh5 Kf8 15.gxh6 e6 16.dxe6 Qe7 17.hxg7+ 1-0 Grob,H-Willi,S FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1967]
4.h4 h6 5.d4 Bg7 6.d5 Ne5 7.f4 -0.67/19
[7.Nc3= -0.13/19]
7...Ng4!∓ 8.e4 Prevents e6. Black is slightly better. **8...h5** -0.40/18
[8...c6∓ -0.97/19 9.Bf3 Qb6 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.Qxg4 Bxb2 12.dxc6 *(12.Bxb2? Qxb2 13.Ne2 Qxa1-+)* 12...bxc6 *(12...Bxa1? 13.Qd7+ Kf8 14.c7-+; 12...Qb4+ 13.Nd2±)* 13.Bxb2 Qxb2]

9.Nf3 -1.03/20
[9.Qd3∓ -0.40/18]
9...e6 10.c4 -2.10/20
[10.dxe6∓ -0.75/17 Bxe6 11.Nd4]
10...Ne7 11.Nc3 -2.57/19
[11.Bd2 -1.64/18]
11...b6? 0.02/18
[11...exd5-+ -2.57/19 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 c6]
12.Qc2 -0.97/19
[12.0-0= 0.02/18 remains equal.]
12...Bd7 -0.37/20
[12...0-0!∓ -0.97/19]
13.0-0 Qb8 0.39/21
[13...c6∓ -0.54/19]
14.Re1 -0.87/20
[14.Nh2± 0.39/21 stays ahead.]



14...0-0!∓ 15.b3 -1.75/19
[15.dxe6∓ -0.93/18 Bxe6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.cxd5]
15...a6 -0.69/21
[15...b5-+ -1.75/19 16.dxe6 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 fxe6 18.cxb5 c6 *(18...Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Bxa1 20.a4∓)*]
16.Bb2∓ b5 17.dxe6? -3.16/20
[17.Nd1∓ -0.68/20]
17...fxe6 -1.66/19
[⌓17...Qa7+ -3.16/20 18.Kh1 fxe6 19.cxb5 axb5 *(19...Rxf4 20.Rf1∓)*]
18.cxb5? -4.76/19
[18.c5 -1.66/19 is a better chance.]
18...axb5 19.Ne2 -4.99/22
[⌓19.Qd2 -3.41/20 Qa7+ 20.Kh1]
19...Qb6+-+ 20.Kh1 Bxb2 21.Qxb2 Rf7 -2.35/18
[⌓21...e5 -4.72/20 22.a4 Nf2+ *(22...bxa4? 23.b4-+; 22...exf4? 23.Qc2∓)* 23.Kh2 bxa4 *(23...exf4 24.Qd4∓)*]
22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.Nfxd4 c5 -1.09/20
[23...Ne3 -1.54/22 24.Bh3 Ng4 25.Bxg4 hxg4]
24.Nc2∓ e5 -0.57/20
[24...b4∓ -1.54/20 25.f5 gxf5 *(25...exf5 26.exf5 Bc6 27.f6∓)* 26.exf5 Bc6 27.Bxc6 Nxc6]
25.Rf1 -1.63/21
[25.f5!∓ -0.57/20]
25...Ra6 -0.51/20
[25...b4-+ -1.63/21 Strongly threatening ...Bb5. 26.fxe5 Rxf1+ *(26...Nxe5 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Nf4∓)* 27.Bxf1 Nxe5]
26.Kg1∓ Kg7 27.Bh3 exf4 -0.01/22
[Black should play 27...Ra7∓ -0.51/21]
28.Rxf4 -0.42/22
[28.Nxf4= -0.01/22 Nc6 29.Nd5]
28...Rxf4 0.01/15
[28...Nc6∓ -0.42/22]
29.Nxf4= Nc6 30.Bxg4 -0.35/23
[30.Bf1= 0.01/23]
30...Bxg4∓ 31.Kf2 Ne5 32.Ke3 -0.67/22
[32.Nd5= -0.30/21]
32...Bd7 33.Ne1 -0.94/21
[33.a3∓ -0.41/23]
33...c4 0.01/21
[33...Ng4+∓ -0.94/21 34.Kf3 Ra8]
34.b4? -3.35/21
[34.Nc2= 0.01/21 and White has

nothing to worry.]
34...Be8? 0.87/22
[34...Ra3+-+ -3.35/21 35.Ke2 Kf7]
35.a3 0.42/20
[35.Nc2± 0.87/22]
35...Bf7 1.55/23
[35...Ra7± 0.42/20]

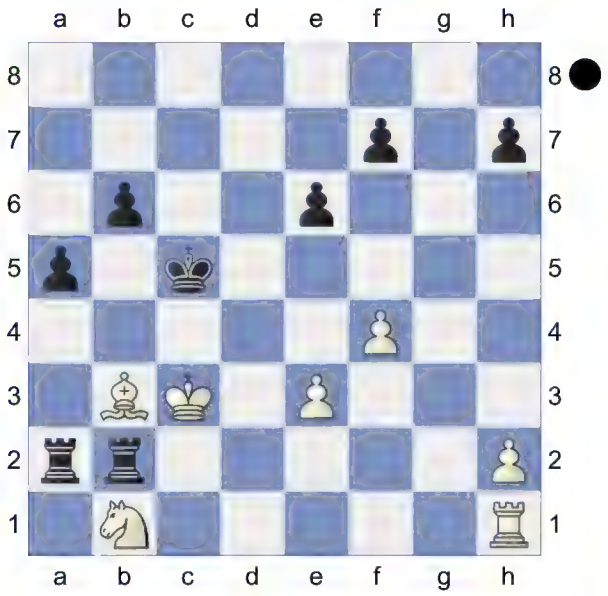


Prevents Ne6+ **36.Nc2** 0.76/22
[White should try 36.Ne2! 1.55/23]
36...Ng4+± 37.Kd2
[37.Kd4 Ra8±]
37...Ne5? 2.69/22
[37...Nf2± 0.63/25]
38.Kc3? 0.98/22
[38.Nd4+- 2.69/22 has better winning chances.]
38...Rb6 4.42/23
[38...Nf3± 0.98/22]
39.Nd4 2.55/24
[⌓39.a4 4.42/23]
39...Rb7? 4.89/25
[39...Ng4 2.55/24 40.Nfe6+ Bxe6 41.Nxe6+ Kf7]
40.Nd5 2.62/23
[⌓40.a4 4.89/25]
40...Bxd5 41.exd5+- Endgame KRN-KRN **41...Kf7** 4.48/26
[41...Nd7 2.97/23 was called for. 42.a4 bxa4]
42.Rf1+ Ke7 43.Rf6 Ra7? 9.74/23
[43...Rb6 2.65/23 44.Kc2 Ke8]
44.Nxb5 Ra8 45.Rxd6 Nf3 46.Rxg6 Nxh4 47.Rh6 Rf8 48.Rxh5 Ng6 49.Rh7+ Kd8 50.Kxc4 Ne5+ 51.Kc5 Strongly threatening Nd4. **51...Nd7+ 52.Kd6 Nb6 53.Kc6 Nc8 54.d6** White mates. **54...Rg8 55.a4 Rf8 56.a5 Rf5 57.Rh8+ Rf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=1.33
58.Rxf8#
1-0

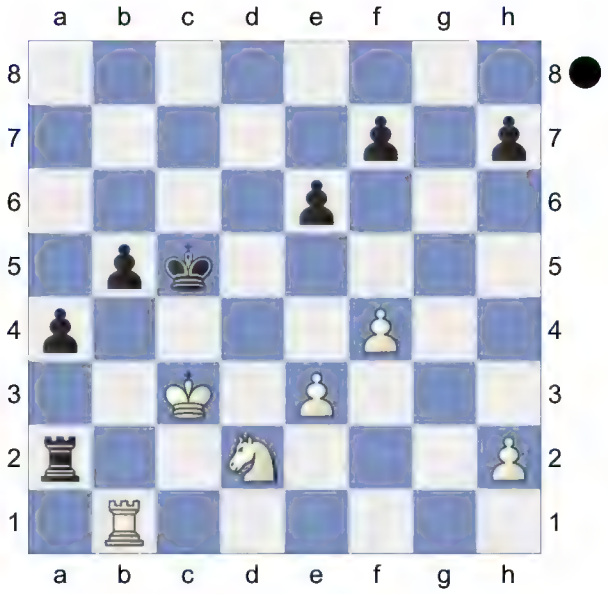
130 **A00**
□ **Domingo Nunez,Ruben** **2414**
■ **Milchev,N** **2362**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (11) 4.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Qb6
[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 Rb6 19.Kd1 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]
5.cxd5 Nf6 0.00/23
[5...Qxb3∓ -0.36/20 is more appropriate. 6.axb3 Nf6]
6.dxc6 Nxc6N
[6...Qxb3 7.cxb7 Qxb7 8.Bxb7 Wall - Kubasek,T 700 Opening Traps by Bill Wall]
7.Nf3 -0.64/19
[7.Qxb6= -0.10/20 axb6 8.Nc3]
7...Qxb3 8.axb3 Black is slightly better.

8...Be6 9.Nc3 Bxb3 10.Nb5 -0.58/21
[10.d3= -0.13/22]
10...Kd7 0.22/23
[10...Rc8∓ -0.58/21]
11.d4= a6 1.37/23
[11...Bc4= 0.06/23 keeps the balance. 12.Nc3 e6]
12.Ne5+± Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 3.24/23
[13...Rd8± 1.24/23 was necessary.]
14.Nd4+- Nb4 15.Nxb3 Nc2+ 16.Kd1 Nxa1 17.Nxa1 Rb8 18.e6+ Kxe6 19.Nb3 b6 20.Nd4+ Kd7 21.Bf4 Rc8 22.Bb7 White has strong compensation.
22...Rc4 23.Be3 A strong pair of Bishops.
[23.Bxa6? Rxd4+ 24.Bd2 e5-+]
23...a5 2.67/23
[23...e5± 1.50/22]
24.Ba6 Rb4 25.Bb5+? 0.54/23
[25.Kc1+- 2.61/21]
25...Kd6 26.Nf5+ -0.70/21
[26.Bd3± 0.73/22]
26...Ke5 -0.18/22
[26...Kd5!∓ -0.70/21 27.Be8 e6 28.Bxf7 g6]
27.Bd3= e6!↑ Black has the initiative.
28.f4+ -0.57/24
[28.Ng3= -0.01/23]
28...Kd5∓ 29.Ng3 Bc5 30.Bd2 -0.87/20
[30.Bc1∓ -0.49/23]
30...Rxb2∓ 31.Bc3 Ra2 32.Ne4 -2.14/22
[White should play 32.Kc1∓ -0.68/21]
32...Rc8? -0.01/19
[Better is 32...Bd4-+ -2.14/22 33.Bb1 Ra3]
33.Bxg7? -6.90/24
[33.Nxc5= -0.01/19 Kxc5 *(33...bxc5 34.Kc1±)* 34.Bxg7]
33...Bd4-+ 34.Bxd4 Kxd4 35.Nd2 Ra1+ 36.Nb1 Rc3 37.Kd2 Threatens to win with e3+. **37...Rb3 38.e3+ Kc5 39.Bc2?** -5.61/24
[39.Rc1+ -2.97/22 Kd6 40.Bc2]
39...Rb2 40.Kc3 Raa2 -2.57/23
[⌓40...Rb4 -5.41/21 41.Rd1 f5]
41.Bb3? -5.39/27
[41.Rc1 -2.57/23 a4 42.Bxa4 Rxb1 43.Rxb1 Rxa4 44.Kd3]



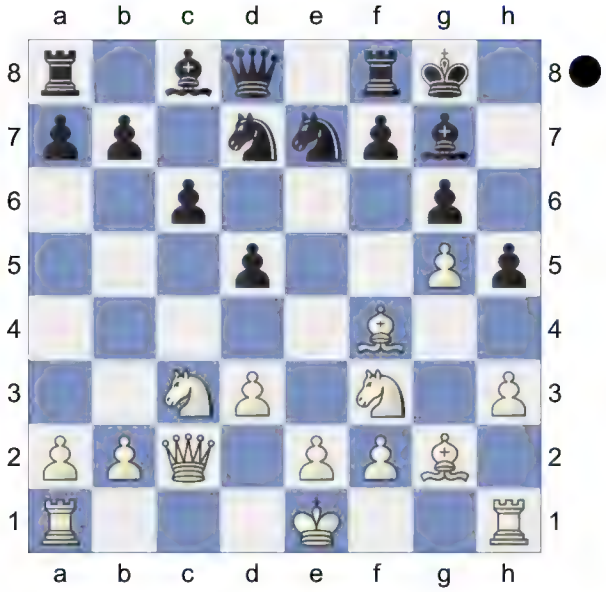
41...b5! 0.01/24 **42.Bxa2= Rxa2 43.Nd2 a4** and ...Ra3+ should not be overlooked **44.Rb1?** -1.90/25
[44.Kd3= 0.09/27 and White stays safe. Ra3+ 45.Ke2]



White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.76
44...b4+? -0.01/29 Loss on time!?
0-1

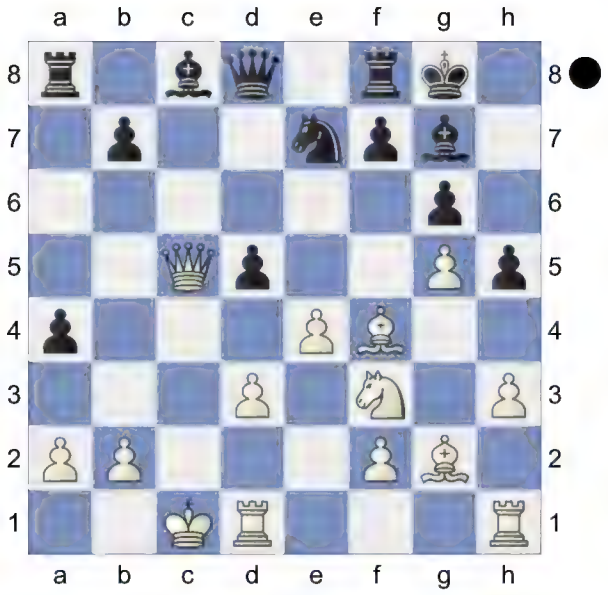
131 **A00**
□ **VladChennel** **2411**
■ **Ascenso** **2552**
Blitz 26.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 h5 4.g5 g6N
[4...h4 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Nxe4 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Be4 Nd7 10.Qe2 Bb4 11.Bxf5 Qxf5 12.Ne4 0-0-0 13.a3 Bf8 14.d3 Kb8 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Nf3 Ng6 17.0-0-0 Nb6 18.Nc3 Bc5 19.Rdg1 ½-½ (30) Torres,M-Mastalerz,X 39/(122) Hamburgo 1985 Nd5 20.Rg4 Bb6 21.Nd1 Bc7 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Kc8 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Bxe3 Rd5 26.Rg1 Rf5 27.Nd4 Re5 28.Rgg4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Bb6 30.Nf3 Bxe3+ ½-½ Skembris,S-Gheorghiu,F 1984]
[4...e5 5.d3 Bd6 *(5...Ne7 6.Nc3 Ng6 7.h4 Bg4 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.e4 d4 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.Nd2 Qe7 15.f3 Be6 16.Nc4 Bc7 17.a4 f6 18.gxf6 Qxf6 19.Kf2 0-0-0 20.b3* 0-1 (52) Bartel,M (2609)-Bluebaum,M (2661) Titled Tue 21st Mar Late blitz 2023 (6)) 6.c4 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bc7 8.Qb3 d4 9.Ne4 Ba5+ 10.Kf1 0-0 11.h4 Qc7 12.Qa3 Na6 13.Qd6 Bf5 14.Qxc7 Bxc7 15.Ng3 Bg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 g6 18.Bd2 Kg7 19.b4 1-0 (51) Nakamura,H (2749)-Sarana,A (2630) PRO League Group Stage 2019 (10)]
5.c4 e6 6.cxd5 -0.74/22
[6.Nf3= -0.23/20 keeps the balance.]
6...exd5∓
[6...Qxg5 7.Nf3 Qxd5 *(7...Qxg2 8.Rh2±)* 8.Nc3∓]
7.d3 Bg7 8.Nc3 Black is slightly better.
8...Ne7 Black is more active. **9.Nf3 0-0**
10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Qc2 -1.37/19
[Better is 11.Qd2∓ -0.67/20]



11...Nc5! 12.0-0-0 -2.23/20
[12.0-0∓ -1.10/21]
12...a5 13.e4 -2.56/20
[13.Be5 -1.72/18 was necessary.]
13...a4-+ 14.Nxd5? -4.96/21
[14.Kb1 -2.34/18]
14...cxd5
[14...Nxd5? 15.exd5 Ra5 *(15...Qxd5 16.d4∓)* 16.Be5-+]
15.Qxc5

(Diagram)



Bxh3?? 3.75/22 Black is weak on the dark squares **16.Bxh3+-**
[16.Rxh3 Rc8 17.d4 dxe4-+ *(17...Rxc5+? 18.dxc5 Qa5 19.e5-+)*]
16...Ra6 17.Kb1 Rc6 Prevents Bc7
18.Qa3 Rb6 19.e5
[19.Qxa4? Rxb2+ 20.Kc1 Qc8+ *(20...Rxf2 21.Rdf1±)* 21.Bxc8 Rxc8+-+]
19...d4 20.Rhe1
[20.Qxa4 Nd5 21.Qxd4 Rb4±]
20...Nd5 21.Bg3 0.86/20
[21.Bd2+- 5.49/21 is more deadly.]
21...Re8± 22.Rc1? -2.13/23
[22.Qxa4? perishes. Nc3+ 23.Ka1 Nxa4-+]
[22.Nxd4? Bf8-+ *(22...Qxg5? 23.Qc5+-)*]
[22.Ka1!± 0.65/22 Ra6 23.Qc5 *(23.Nxd4? Bf8-+)*]
22...Bf8-+ 23.Qxa4 -7.77/22
[23.Rc5∓ -1.60/20 Rc6 Pin 24.Rec1]
23...Nc3+ 24.Rxc3 dxc3 25.b3 Qxd3+ 26.Ka1

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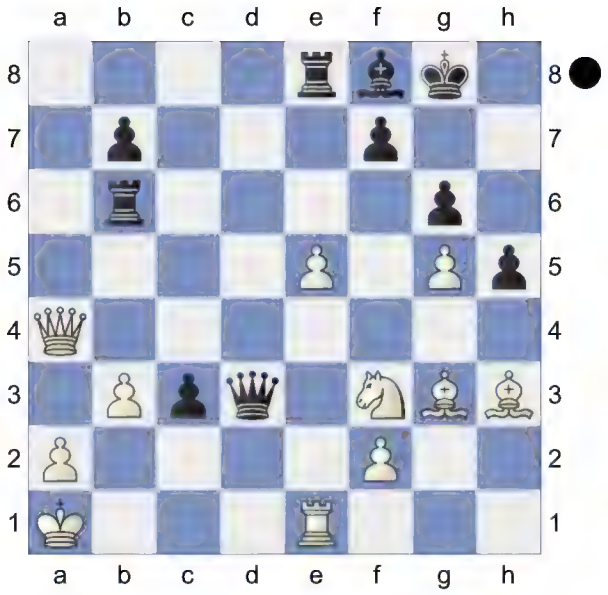
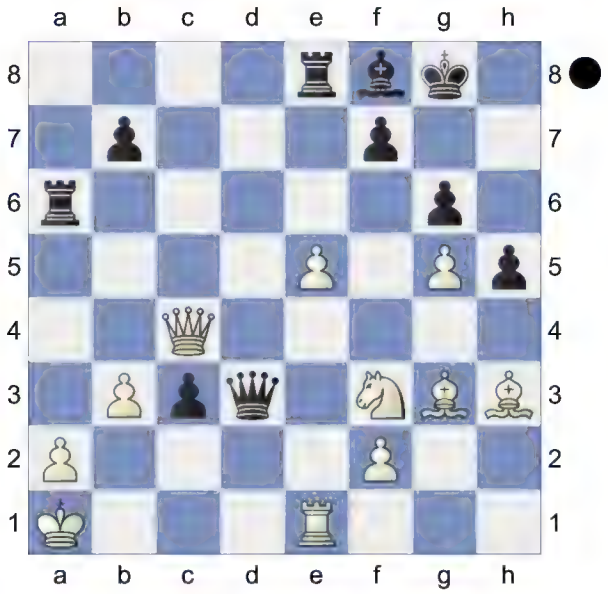


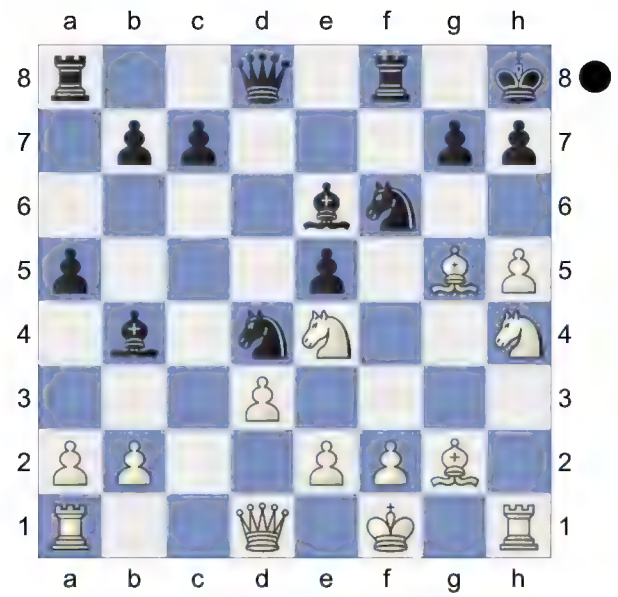
Ra6! 27.Qc4
[27.Qxa6 bxa6]



27...Rxa2+!! Decoy. Black mates.
28.Kxa2 Qc2+ 29.Ka1 Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.69/ Black=0.46
29...Qb2#
0-1

132 **A00**
□ **Basman,Michael** **2400**
■ **Bellin,Robert** **2395**
BCF-ch Edinburgh (10) 1985
[TonyK,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4** Kosten,Anthony C
[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4.3)]
1...e5 **2.h3?!** This is also possible, but doesn't offer any noticeable advantages. Kosten,Anthony C: 'This is also possible, but doesn't offer any noticeable advantages.' **2...Bc5N**
[2...d5! 3.Bg2 c6 would transpose to the game Basman-Strauss. Kosten, Anthony C: 'would transpose to the game Basman-Strauss.' *(3...Nc6 4.c4 dxc4 5.Qa4 Nge7 6.Nf3 Ng6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.h4 Bb4 9.Ng5 Bd7 10.Bd5 0-0 11.Qc2 Bxg4 12.Qe4 Bd7 13.Nxh7 Nd4 14.h5 Nf4 15.Nxf8 Qxf8 16.Kf1 Re8 17.Bxc4 Bc6 18.Nd5* 0-1 3.♘d2 e5 4.♘gf3 ♗d6 5.g (2400)-Chandreyee,H (2565) Magyarorszag (ch) 31/433 1981 (4) *)*]
[2...h5 3.gxh5 Rxh5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bf4 c6 8.e3 d6 9.Nge2 Bxc3+ 10.Nxc3 Bg4 11.Qb3 b6 12.Qa3 d5 13.Rg1 Bxh3 14.Bxh3 Rxh3 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Rxg7 Qe7 17.Rg8+ 11 Chapter-Games Chapter 2 Game]
3.c4 Ne7 4.Nc3 a5 5.d3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbc6 7.Bg2 d6 8.g5 Starting a kingside pawn advance before Black plays ...Ng6, and ...f5, with a kingside attack. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Starting a kingside pawn advance before Black plays ...Ng6, and ...f5, with a kingside attack.'. Black is slightly better. **8...Be6 9.h4 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Ne4** White has managed to create a useful square for this piece. Kosten,Anthony C: 'White has managed to create a useful square for this piece.' **11...Bb4+ 12.Kf1** Unfortunately, White cannot play Kosten, Anthony C: 'Unfortunately, White cannot play'
[12.Bd2 as he needs this piece to protect his weak dark squares, Black would answer Kosten,Anthony C: 'as he needs this piece to protect his weak dark squares, Black would answer' Nf4 Anyway, White is hardly likely to castle kingside, anyway. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Anyway, White is hardly likely to castle kingside, anyway. ']
12...Kh8 13.h5 f5 14.gxf6 Nxf6 -0.09/12
[14...gxf6∓ -0.47/9 15.d4 Qd7]
15.Nh4!? -1.14/10
[15.h6= -0.09/12 g6 *(15...Nxe4? 16.hxg7+* Remove Defender *Kxg7 17.Bh6+* Deflection *Kg6 18.Bxf8+-)* 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.Bg5]
15...Nd4 16.Bg5? -4.92/9
[16.h6 is better.]
[16.h6∓ -0.89/9 is tougher. g6 17.Be3]



White is embarking on a kingside attack, but he has overlooked a tactical point, Kosten,Anthony C: '#White is embarking on a kingside attack, but he has overlooked a tactical point,' **16...Nxe4!-+** A winning queen sacrifice. Discovered Attack **17.Bxd8**

[17.Bxe4 Qxg5]

17...Nxf2

[17...Rxf2+ 18.Kg1 Nxe2+ 19.Kh2 Rxd8 20.dxe4-+ *(20.Rf1? Nf6-+)*]

18.Qb1 Raxd8?!

[18...Nxh1+ 19.Kg1 Nxe2+ 20.Kxh1 Raxd8 Should win at a canter, the white position is a mess. Kosten, Anthony C: 'Should win at a canter, the white position is a mess.']

19.Nf3 This is forced. **19...Ng4** This is stronger than

[19...Nxh1 20.Bxh1 Bg4 -2.08/11 *(⌓20...h6 -3.54/14 21.Qc1 c6)*]

20.h6 -5.72/20

[⌓20.Rh4 -3.71/18 e4 Pin 21.Rxg4 exf3 *(21...Bxg4? 22.dxe4 Nxf3 23.Bxf3-+)* 22.Rxd4 fxg2+ *(22...Rxd4 23.Bxf3 c6 24.Qc1=)* 23.Kxg2 Rxd4 24.e4]

20...e4! Pin **21.hxg7+ Kxg7 22.dxe4 Bc4**

[22...Nxe2! Is convincing, for if 23.Kxe2 then Bc4+]

23.Qc1 Nxf3 White is weak on the dark squares

[23...Rxf3+ 24.Bxf3 Nxf3 25.Qf4 *(25.Qxc4? Nd2+ 26.Kg2 Nxc4-+)* 25...Bxe2+ 26.Kg2+- *(26.Kxe2 Nd4+ 27.Kf1 Rf8=)*]

[23...Bxe2+ 24.Kg1 Bxf3 25.Qxc7+ Kf6 26.e5+ Kg5 *(26...Nxe5 27.Rh6+ Kg5 28.Rh3∓)* 27.Qg7+ Kf4 28.Rh3-+]

24.Bxf3 Bd2 A strong pair of Bishops.

[24...Rxf3+ 25.Kg2 Bd2 *(25...Bxe2? 26.Qg5+* Deflection, Double Attack *Kf7 27.Rxh7+ Ke6 28.Qxg4++-)* 26.exf3= *(26.Rxh7+ Kf6=)*]

25.Rh4 -4.32/13

[25.Rxh7+? Kxh7 26.Qxc4 Ne3+ 27.Kf2 Nxc4-+]

[25.Qxd2 -3.02/14 is a better defense. Rxf3+ *(25...Rxd2? 26.Ke1-+)* 26.Ke1 Rxd2 27.Kxd2]

25...Ne3+

[25...Bxc1 26.Rxg4+ Kh8 27.Rxc1 Rxf3+ 28.Ke1 Bxe2 29.Kxe2∓]

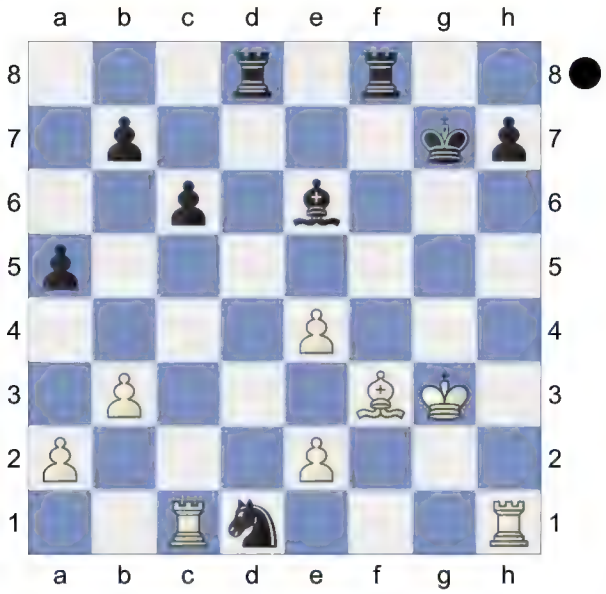
26.Kf2 Bxc1 Regaining the queen with a piece as interest. Kosten,Anthony C: '#Regaining the queen with a piece as interest.' **27.Rxc1 Nd1+ 28.Kg3 Be6**

[28...Nxb2? 29.Rc2-+]

29.b3 c6 30.Rh1 And now, rather than Kosten,Anthony C: 'And now, rather than' **30...Ne3**

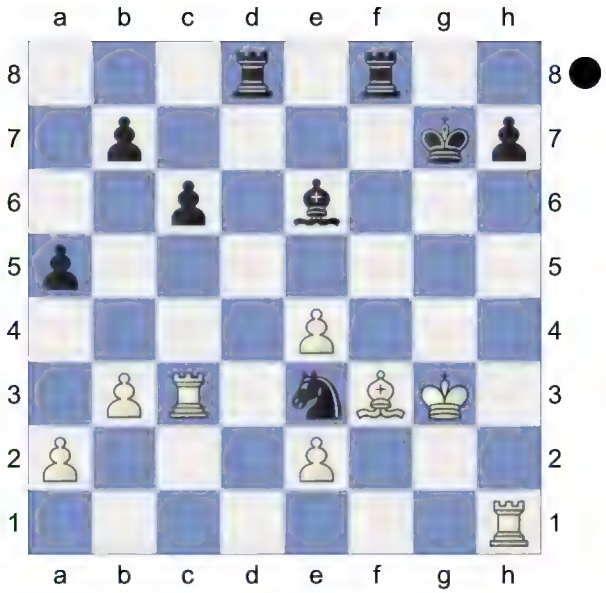
[30...Nb2! was the best way of springing the knight from the 'trap', e.g. Kosten,Anthony C: 'as on the next go White will surely notice a three time repetition!' Kosten,Anthony C: 'was the best way of springing the knight from the 'trap', e.g.' 31.Rc2 Rd1! 32.Rxd1

Nxd1 33.Rc1 Rd8]
31.Rc3 Nd1 32.Rc1 Ne3 -0.57/9
[32...Nb2!-+ -2.50/10 aiming for ...a4. 33.Rc2 Rd1 *(33...Nd1? 34.Rc1-+)*]
33.Rc3∓ A whole piece down, White is very happy with a draw, of course!
33...Nd1? -2.59/11
[33...Rd1∓ -0.89/11 34.Rxd1 *(34.Rxe3? Rxf3+* Remove Defender *35.exf3 Rxh1-+)* 34...Nxd1]
34.Rc1!-+



but why didn't he claim it with this move?
34...Ne3? -0.73/11 This was the last chance for Kosten,Anthony C: 'This was the last chance for'
[34...Nb2! as on the next go White will surely notice a three time repetition!]
[34...Nb2!-+ -2.59/11 has better winning chances. 35.Rc2 Rd1 *(35...Nd1? 36.Rc1-+)* 36.Rxd1 *(36.Rxb2? Rxf3+* Remove Defender *37.exf3 Rxh1-+)* 36...Nxd1]
35.Rc3∓

(Diagram)



Nd5?! -0.27/9 This way Black only obtains a pawn for his piece. Kosten, Anthony C: 'This way Black only obtains a pawn for his piece.' **36.exd5= Bxd5 37.Rh5 Bxf3 38.exf3** Endgame. KRR-KRR **38...Ra8 39.a4** Black is better, of course, he has an extra pawn, but his h and a-pawns are weak, and his chances of winning slim. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Black is better, of course, he has an extra pawn, but his h and a-pawns are weak, and his chances of winning slim.' **39...Ra7?! 40.Rcc5 Rfa8 41.f4 Ra6 42.Rce5** White will be better soon, if Black continues to play this passively! Kosten,Anthony C: 'White will be better soon, if Black continues to play this passively!' **42...Kh8** 0.46/11
[42...Rb6= 0.00/12]
43.f5± c5?! 44.Kf4 White slowly improves his position. **44...Rg8 45.Re6**
[45.Rxc5 with advantage to White, is even better Kosten,Anthony C: 'with advantage to White, is even better']
45...c4! 46.bxc4 Rc8 47.Ke5
[47.Rxa6!? Rxc4+ 48.Ke5 bxa6 49.Rg5±]
47...Rc5+

[Don't blunder 47...Rxe6+? 48.fxe6 *(48.Kxe6 Rxc4 49.Rg5 Rc6+ 50.Ke5 b6=)* 48...Kg7 *(48...Rxc4?* perishes. *49.e7+-; 48...Rc5+? 49.Kf6+-)* 49.e7 Rc5+ 50.Ke6 Rxh5 51.e8Q+- *(51.e8R? Rc5-+)*]

48.Kd4 Rac6 49.Rxc6 The obvious trick

[49.Re8+ 0.03/5 49.Rxc6 0.77 Kg7 50.f6+ fails to win, Kf7! 51.Rxc5 Kxe8 and Black is saved by his outside, passed h-pawn. 52.Rxc6?? -5.39/10 would even lose after *(52.Re5+= 0.03/14 Kf8 53.Rh5)* 52...bxc6]

49...Rxc6 KR-KR. The position is equal. **50.Rg5 h6! 51.Rg4** As is often the case in rook and pawn endings, White's positional plus is more important than a material advantage. Kosten,Anthony C: 'As is often the case in rook and pawn endings, White's positional plus is more important than a material advantage.' **51...Kh7! 52.Kd5 h5 53.Re4 Rc7** Wards off Re7+ **54.Re6 Kg7 55.c5 h4** This should lose, but Black was experiencing severe difficulties no matter what he played. Kosten,Anthony C: 'This should lose, but Black was experiencing severe difficulties no matter what he played.' **56.Rg6+ Kh7 57.Rg4 Kh6 58.f6** Kd6! is the strong threat.

[58.Rxh4+ Was simplest, and on Kosten,Anthony C: 'Was simplest, and on' Kg5 59.Rh8 Rd8 would now be deadly. Kxf5 60.Ra8 0.00/14 White will take the a-pawn, and win. *(60.Rh6± 0.37/12* was preferrable. *)*]

[58.Rxh4+ simplifies Kg5 59.Rh8 Kxf5 60.Rh6]

58...h3 59.Ke6?

[59.Rh4+ Kg6 60.Rxh3 Strongly threatening Rf3. Kxf6 61.Rh8 Ke7 62.Ra8 still offered chances. Kosten, Anthony C: 'still offered chances.']

59...Rc6+! 60.Ke7 Rc7+ 61.Ke8 Now the game peters out. Hoping for f7. **61...h2 62.Rh4+ Kg5 63.Rxh2 Kxf6 64.Rh5 Ke6 65.Kd8** Dodges Rc8+ **65...Rc6 66.Rg5 Kf6 67.Rd5 Ke6** Wards off Rd6+ **68.Rh5 Kf7! 69.Kd7 Kg6 70.Rd5** And now Rd6+ would win. **70...Kf7 71.Kd8 Ke6 72.Rh5 Kf7! 73.Kd7 Kg6** White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.47. Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: --- Black=2 Mistake: White=3 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=23 Black=28 Best: White=6 Black=5 Strong: White=1 Black=7

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133 **A00**

□ **Basman,Michael J** **2400**

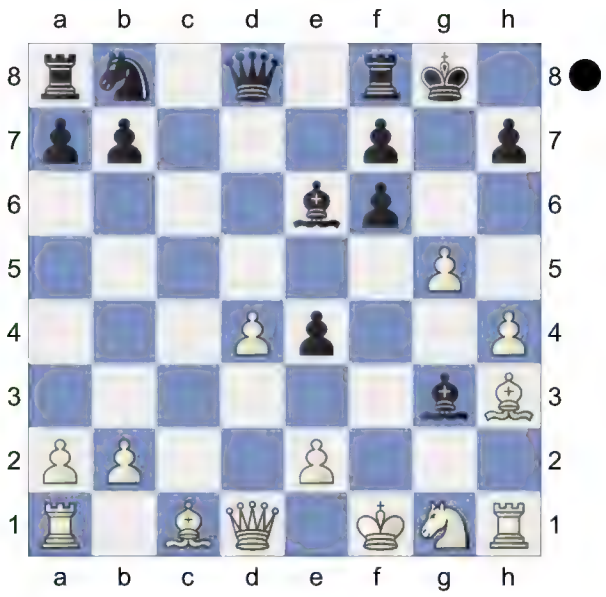
■ **Keene,Raymond** **2475**

Manchester Benedictine op 4th (7)

[Nigel Davies,MH]

After playing both Tony Miles and Raymond Keene in this tournament, Mike Basman commented to me that he thought that Keene was much the better player. I think it's true that he was capable of the deepest and most stylish chess of any British player, but then Tony Miles was one of the greatest fighters I've ever met. In any case this game provides a great model for Black against the Grob. A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6** Erecting a solid barrier of pawns against the bishop on g2. From an exponent of

the Modern Defence one would expect no less! **4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bd6**
[5...dxc4 6.Bxe4 h5 7.g5±]
6.Nc3 Ne7 Black's set-up makes perfect sense, protecting the d5 pawn whilst keeping open the option of ...f7-f5. Basman's next move seems designed against this move, but in giving Black the f5 square he ends up in even worse trouble.
[6...dxc4?! 7.Nxe4 *(7.Bxe4?! Na6=)* 7...Na6 8.a3±]
7.g5?!
[Later in the tournament Basman improved on this with 7.Bg5 after which f6 8.Bd2 0-0 9.Qb3 Kh8 10.Rc1 Na6 11.e3 f5 also gave Black the better game but by no means as crushing a position as he obtains after 7.g5 (Basman, M (2400)-Kudrin, S (2465), Manchester 1981). Of course none of this is much of an advert for the Grob from an objective point of view, though it can cause Black to get overexcited.]
[7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 14.Nxe4 Be6 15.Nc5 Bf7 16.Qe4 Re8 17.Qh4 b6 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Bd2 Na6 20.Nc3 Nab4 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 ½-½ 6.e5 d5 7.♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2248)-Steinbacher,M (2418) TCh-ROU Superliga 2011 (7)]
7...Be6
[7...dxc4?! 8.Nxe4 Bc7 9.e3=]
8.h4 Black is better. **8...Nf5N**
[8...dxc4?! 9.Nxe4 Bc7 10.Nc5±]
[8...Qd7 9.Nh3 b5 10.cxb5 cxb5 11.Nf4 b4 12.Na4 Qb5 13.Be3 Nf5 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.Bh3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bxh3 17.Rxh3 Ke7 18.Qb3 Bxf4 19.exf4 Rab8 20.f5 h6 21.f6+ gxf6 22.gxf6+ Kxf6 23.Nc5 3 Chapter-Games Chapter 2 Game Nb6 24.Qg3 Rhg8 25.Qd6+ Kg7 26.Ne6+ 3 Chapter-Games Chapter 2 Game]
9.Bh3 0-0 Black is more active.
[9...dxc4 10.Nxe4 0-0 *(10...Nxh4? 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Rxh4+-)* 11.Nf3∓]
10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nxd5 -2.65/11 Apparently winning a pawn, but Keene has seen further. **11...Ng3!-+ 12.Nf6+**
[12.fxg3 Bxg3+ followed by recapturing on d5 is just horrible for White.]
12...gxf6 13.fxg3 Bxg3+ 14.Kf1



Nc6!
[14...Bxh4 15.g6 f5 *(15...hxg6? 16.Bxe6 Bg5 17.Bb3+-)* 16.gxh7+ Kh8 17.Bg2=]
15.Be3 Nb4 -1.65/10 The knight is coming to the blockading square on d5.
[15...Bxh4 16.Bxe6 fxe6 *(16...Bxg5 17.Qb3=)* 17.g6∓]
[⌓15...f5 -3.16/12 And now ...f4! would win. 16.Kg2 f4 *(16...Bxh4 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.Rxh4∓)*]
16.Kg2 -2.95/8
[⌓16.Bxe6 -1.65/10 fxe6 17.g6]
16...Nd5
[16...Bxh4 17.Bxe6 fxg5 18.Bb3±]

17.Kxg3? -6.20/10 A bishop move might have been held on longer.
[17.Bd2 -3.08/11 Bf4 *(17...Bxh4 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rxh4±)* 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Nh3 fxg5 20.Rc1]
17...Nxe3 Black is clearly winning.
18.Qd2 White is weak on the light squares **18...Qd6+ 19.Kf2 Qf4+ 20.Nf3 exf3** White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/Black=0.19 (very precise) . Mistake: White=3 Black=1 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=5 Black=5 Best: White=1 Black=2
[20...exf3 21.Qxe3 Qxh4+ 22.Kxf3 Bd5+ is curtains.]
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134 **A00**
□ **Basman,Michael J** **2400**
■ **Miles,Anthony J** **2565**
Manchester Benedictine op 4th (4)
[Nigel Davies,MH]

At first sight this game looks like a convincing win for Black but there are mistakes on both sides. First of all both players seem to underestimate the strength of 8...Nf4, and secondly the position seems to be unclear after 13.e3. Of course none of it seems to be particularly promising for White... A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.h3 d5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.c4** This all looks like madness but there is some method to it. White is fighting for the central light squares. **4...dxc4 5.Qa4N**
[Objectively speaking the best may be 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.Qa4 , but this is hardly an advert for White's system. *(6.Nf3 h5 7.gxh5 e4 8.Ne5 The Grob-D5,A 2006)*]
5...Nge7 6.Nf3 -1.72/21
[6.Nc3∓ -1.31/21 was called for.]
6...Ng6 White must now prevent ...Nf4. MH: '-+' MH: ' Strongly threatening ...Nf4. ' **7.Nc3 Be6** -1.06/27
[⩲7...Nf4 -1.54/21 8.Kf1 Nxg2 9.Kxg2 Qd7 10.Qxc4 Qe6]
[7...h5-+ -1.77/20 8.Rg1 f6 *(8...hxg4 9.hxg4 e4 10.Nxe4-+)*]
8.h4?! -2.61/19
[In retrospect maybe White should have tried 8.d3!? cxd3 And now ... Bb4 would win. 9.Ng5 with some play on the light squares. And White is stopping 8...Nf4.]
[8.d3∓ -1.06/27]
8...Bb4?! -0.85/11
[What does White do about 8...Nf4 ? It seems like both players either overlooked or underestimated this move.]
[8...Bxg4 9.d3∓ *(9.d4 exd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxc6+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Qxc4)*]
[8...Nf4!-+ -2.61/19 has better winning chances. MH: '-+' MH: ' is more deadly. ' 9.Bf1 Qf6 *(9...Bxg4 10.Nxe5 Bd7 11.Nxd7±)*]
9.Ng5 -1.99/12
[9.a3∓ -0.85/11 was necessary. MH: '⩲' Nf4 10.axb4 Nxg2+ 11.Kf1]
9...Bd7-+ MH: '∓' **10.Bd5** -2.52/10
[10.Bxc6∓ -1.14/5 Bxc6 11.Qxb4 Bxh1 12.Qxc4]
10...0-0
[10...Bxg4? 11.Bxc6+ *(11.Nxf7 Qd7+-)* 11...bxc6 12.Qxc6+ *(12.Qxb4 Qd4+-)* 12...Bd7 13.Qxc4+-]
11.Qc2 Bxg4
[And here the other knight move looks good - 11...Nd4 12.Qe4 c6! 13.Bxc4

b5 14.Nxf7 Qf6! seems to leave White in a lot of trouble.]

12.Qe4 -1.97/10 Dodges Nd4 MH: ' Repels Nd4'

[12.Nxh7∓ -1.59/11 Kxh7 13.h5 Pin]

[12.Bxc6∓ -1.37/19 bxc6 13.Nxh7]

12...Bd7 -0.93/21

[MH: ' Better is' 12...Bh5-+ -1.97/10 ...Nd4 would now be deadly. MH: ' And now ...Nd4 would win.' 13.a3 Bxc3 *(13...Be7 14.Qxc4 Nf4 15.Bxc6 bxc6)* 14.dxc3 Nce7 15.Bxc4 c6 *(15...h6 16.Be3∓)*]

13.Nxh7 -1.25/19

Certainly spectacular but not the right move. **13...Nd4!** -1.50/10 MH: ' aiming for ...Bf5.'

[13...Kxh7? 14.h5 Kg8 *(14...f5? 15.hxg6+ Kxg6 16.Rg1++- Skewer)*

A) 15.Qxg6 Qf6= *(15...Ne7=)*;

B) 15.hxg6+-]

[Black should play 13...Nf4! -0.89/21 14.Ng5 *(14.Nxf8 Bxf8 15.h5 Nxd5∓)* 14...g6 15.Qxc4 Kg7]

14.h5? -3.24/17 MH: ' White does not recover from this.'

[14.Nxf8? Bf5 MH: '-+']

[14.Qxg6∓ -1.50/10 keeps fighting. MH: ' might work better.' Bf5 Pin, Skewer 15.Qg3 Bxh7 *(15...Kxh7 16.Rg1∓)* 16.Rg1 MH: '-+']

14...Nf4

[14...Bf5! -1.89/1 14...Nf4 -3.33 is also very strong, in fact White doesn't have a good move.]

[MH: ' Weaker is' 14...Kxh7 15.hxg6+ Kg8 16.Rh8+ *(16.Bxb7 fxg6 17.Bd5+ Be6± MH: '±')* 16...Kxh8 17.Qh1+ *(17.Qxe5? Qh4-+; 17.Qxe5? Qh4-+)*]

15.Nxf8

[Both 15.h6 -4.29/12 15.Nxf8 -3.04]

[and 15.Rg1 are answered by Bf5 .]

15...Qxf8 **16.Kf1** White doesn't have any good moves here. **16...Re8** MH: ' Threatens to win with ...b5.'

17.Bxc4 -4.12/19 MH: '?'

[17.h6 -2.63/19 might work better. Bf5 *(17...gxh6 18.Rh2∓)* 18.Qe3]

[17.Rh2 -1.64/18 is a better chance.]

17...Bc6 MH: '-+' **18.Nd5** **Qc5** **19.d3** **Nxd5** Excellent horsemanship. MH: ' A dynamic duo of knights.'

[19...Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.e3∓ MH: '=']

20.Rg1 -5.88/20

[20.Qh4 -3.83/22 was called for. Nf4 Discovered Attack 21.Bxf4

A) 21...exf4? 22.Qxf4 Ne6 *(22...Qe7 23.e4-+)* 23.Bxe6-+;

B) 21...Bxh1 22.Rc1]

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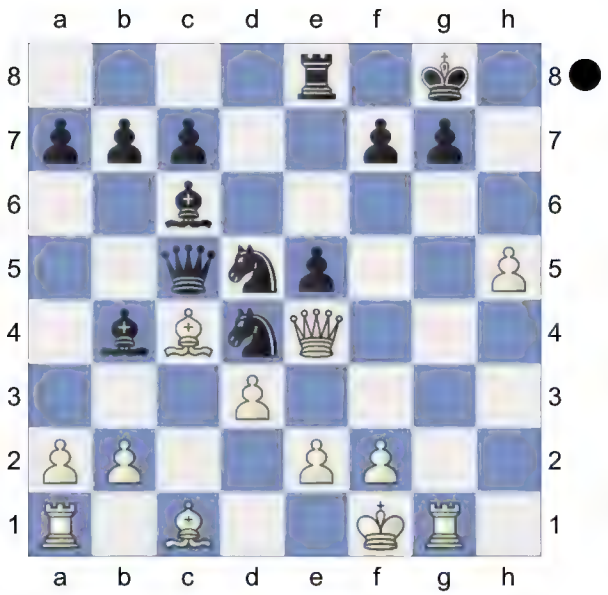

MH: '?' **20...Nf4!** Discovered Attack, Double Attack. Black is clearly winning. **21.Qe3 Qf8**

[Worse is MH: ' Stronger than' 21...Nfxe2 22.Rxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Qf6+ Kh7 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qf6+ Kh7 28.Qh6#]

22.Qg3 Ndxe2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.36. Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=6 Black=3 OK: White=3 Black=5 Best: --- Black=1 Brilliant: --- Black=1 MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/Black=0.55. Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=6 Black=3 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=5 Black=5 Best: White=1 Black=1 Strong: --- Black=1 Brilliant: --- Black=1 '

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135 **A00**

□ **Basman,M..** **2390**

■ **Strauss,D..** **2425**

ch-GB Brighton 1984

[TonyK,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2** A finesse, but one that does little to help the white position, if White defends the g4-pawn, instead, by Kosten,Anthony C: 'A finesse, but one that does little to help the white position, if White defends the g4-pawn, instead, by'

[2.h3 then Black can continue e5 with an 'ideal' start- control of the centre, and an easy development. Still, after 3.Bg2 Black normally bolsters his d-pawn by c6 reaching an identical position as that brought about after 2 Bg2. (However, Black does have other options, for instance *3...Nc6* when *4.c4 dxc4 5.Qa4 Nge7 6.Nf3?! Ng6 7.Nc3?! Be6 8.h4!?* was Basman-Miles, Manchester 1981, but it is difficult to believe that this position is playable for White, and my computer thinks that he is simply lost. Kosten,Anthony C: 'was Basman-Miles, Manchester 1981, but it is difficult to believe that this position is playable for White, and my computer thinks that he is simply lost. ')]

2...c6 This is the safest move, deterring White from playing c4, which is his main source of counterplay 9otherwise his g2-bishop will be 'scotched'), and genuinely menacing the g4-pawn. Kosten,Anthony C: 'This is the safest move, deterring White from playing c4, which is his main source of counterplay 9otherwise his g2-bishop will be 'scotched'), and genuinely menacing the

g4-pawn.'

[2...Bxg4?! Is certainly playable, but unnecessary: Kosten,Anthony C: 'Is certainly playable, but unneccesary:' 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 White is softening-up the h1-a8 diagonal. cxd5 rather acquiescent, I suggest Kosten, Anthony C: 'rather acquiescent, I suggest' *(4...Nf6!? 5.Qb3 Qd7 6.Nc3 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6* when Black enjoys free development. Kosten, Anthony C: 'when Black enjoys free development.') 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 *(6...Nc6!? 7.Qxb7 Rc8)* 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 8.Nb5 Rc8 which is unclear, Polliotto,A-Figeac,A/Montpellier - Masters 1998.]

3.h3 Kosten,Anthony C: 'The real point behind Black's second move is that'

[The move 3.g5 seems to be taking the joke too far, e5 *(3...h6 4.h4 hxg5 5.hxg5 Rxh1 6.Bxh1 Qd6* is also promising.*)* 4.h4 Bg4 5.c4 dxc4 6.b3 cxb3 7.Qxb3 Qc7 8.Nc3 Be6 and White's compensation for the pawn is non-existent, Muller,E-Heitland,P/Dortmund 1987. Kosten, Anthony C: 'and White's compensation for the pawn is non-existent, Muller,E-Heitland,P/Dortmund 1987.']

[The real point behind Black's second move is that 3.c4? is no longer feasible, dxc4 4.b3 cxb3 5.Qxb3 e5 and Black is a pawn up with a good position.]

[3.e4?! Has been suggested by Skembris, but Kosten,Anthony C: 'Has been suggested by Skembris, but' Nf6! seems to be an effective reply, 4.exd5 Bxg4 5.dxc6! Nxc6 with a clear advantage to Black.]

3...e5 And Black has his central constellation. Kosten,Anthony C: 'This seems so natural, but, nevertheless, Black has found an alternative in' Kosten,Anthony C: 'However, Black does have other options, for instance'

[This seems so natural, but, nevertheless, Black has found an alternative in 3...h5!? attacking the exposed white g4-pawn. Kosten, Anthony C: 'attacking the exposed white g4-pawn.' 4.g5 Bf5!? Kosten,Anthony C: 'but' *(4...h4?!* is too ambitious, *5.e4 dxe4 6.Nc3 Qa5! 7.Nxe4 Bf5* and Black's advantage is minimal, Skembris,S-Gheorghiu,F/Skopje 1984. Kosten, Anthony C: 'and Black's advantage is minimal, Skembris,S-Gheorghiu,F/Skopje 1984.'; but *4...e5* must be best.*)* 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Nh4! e6 7.Nxf5 exf5 8.d3 Ne7 9.e4 Nc5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.0-0 when, despite his loose kingside, White was doing OK, Reprintsev,A-Rozentalis,E/New York 1997. Kosten,Anthony C: 'when, despite his loose kingside, White was doing OK, Reprintsev,A-Rozentalis,E/New York 1997.']

4.d4 This is an integral part of White's attempt to drum-up some play against the black centre, if White doesn't play this then it is difficult to see what he will do: Kosten,Anthony C: 'This is an integral part of White's attempt to drum-up some play against the black centre, if White doesn't play this then it is difficult to see what he will do:'

[4.d3 Ne7! this is a thoughtful move, the knight will come to the square g6 where it can survey h4, and f4, two squares that were undermined by White's first move. Kosten,Anthony C: 'this is a thoughtful move, the knight

will come to the square g6 where it can survey h4, and f4, two squares that were undermined by White's first move.' 5.Nf3 Kosten,Anthony C: 'Pinning the knight by' *(Pinning the knight by 5.Bg5* achieves less-than-nothing, Kosten,Anthony C: 'achieves less-than-nothing,' *Qb6 6.b3 Ng6 7.Nf3 Bc5 8.0-0?! h5* levering open the white kingside, and exposing the king, Yavez Acin,G-Sutovskij,E/ Benasque 1996. Kosten,Anthony C: 'levering open the white kingside, and exposing the king,Yavez Acin,G-Sutovskij,E/Benasque 1996.'*)* 5...Ng6 6.Nc3 Nh4!? this leads to an edge for Black, but I would prefer to continue development, myself. Kosten,Anthony C: 'this leads to an edge for Black, but I would prefer to continue development, myself.' 7.Nxh4 Qxh4 8.e4 Bc5 Skembris,S-Ivkov,B/ Budva zt 1981. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Skembris, S-Ivkov,B/Budva zt 1981.']

4...Nd7! I like this move, which keeps control of the position. The alternative, and main line is Kosten,Anthony C: 'I like this move, which keeps control of the position. The alternative, and main line is'

[4...e4 gaining space, but this allows White to attack the black centre, by Kosten,Anthony C: 'gaining space, but this allows White to attack the black centre, by' 5.c4 as 5...dxc4 is not possible, because the e4-pawn is en prise. Kosten,Anthony C: 'as 5...dxc4 is not possible, because the e4-pawn is en prise.' *(5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 Ne7 19.Nd1 Rf8* 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9. d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982*)* 5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 the game Tuturin,S-Nikitin, A/Moscow 1999, continuing: Kosten, Anthony C: 'the game Tuturin,S-Nikitin, A/Moscow 1999, continuing:' h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 with chances for both sides. hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 14.Nxe4 Be6 15.Nc5 Bf7 16.Qe4 Re8 17.Qh4 b6 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Bd2 Na6 20.Nc3 Nab4 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Nf3 Nxc3 23.bxc3 Qxe2 24.Rdg1 Qxf3 25.Rxg7+ ½-½ 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2248)-Steinbacher,M (2418) TCh-ROU Superliga 2011 (7)]

5.c4!? This loses pawn, now, but otherwise how does White gain any activity for his pieces? Kosten,Anthony C: 'This loses pawn, now, but otherwise how does White gain any activity for his pieces?' **5...dxc4 6.Nc3N** Kosten,Anthony C: 'Basman has also tried'

[Basman has also tried 6.dxe5 and following Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 -0.12/12 *(8...h5∓* -0.55/14 *9.f4 Nd7)* 9.Be3 -0.53/10 White had fair play for the pawn sacrificed, Basman,M-Dawson,K/Torquay 1982, but the simple 6...Qa5+ is better, 7 Nc3 Nxe5 avoiding the displacement of the king. Kosten,Anthony C: 'White had fair play for the pawn sacrificed, Basman,M-Dawson,K/Torquay 1982, but the simple 6...Qa5+ is better, 7 Nc3 Nxe5 avoiding the displacement of the king.' *(9.f4=* -0.12/12 *Nd7 10.Nf3)* 9...Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2

b5 17.Ne4 f6 18.Nf3 Ke7 19.Rhd1 g6 20.Nd4 gxf5 21.Nxc6+ Ke6 22.gxf5+ Kxf5 23.Kf3 Kg6 24.Rg1+ Unusual Openings Grob-1.g4 Survey 2004]

6...Bd6 **7.Nf3** **Ne7** Black calmly completes his development. **8.Ne4** Black is slightly better. **8...Bc7** **9.Bg5** Wards off Nf6 **9...f6** **10.Bd2** -1.20/10

[White should try 10.Bh4 -0.78/15]

10...exd4!∓ **11.Nxd4** **Ne5** **12.Bc3** -1.50/11

[⌓12.Nf3 -1.14/11]

12...Nd5 Objectively, White is quite lost, not only has Black consolidated his extra pawn, but his knights have found good squares. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Objectively, White is quite lost, not only has Black consolidated his extra pawn, but his knights have found good squares. ' **13.Qd2** **Nf4!?** Black decides that he would prefer to take the light-squared bishop. Once more, this tactic exploits the lacunas of White's first move. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Black decides that he would prefer to take the light-squared bishop. Once more, this tactic exploits the lacunas of White's first move.'. Decoy **14.Rg1**

[14.Qxf4? Nd3+ 15.exd3 Bxf4-+]

14...Nxg2+ **15.Rxg2** **Qd5** -0.10/12

[15...Ng6∓ -1.29/17 White must now prevent ...Qe7. 16.0-0-0 Nf4]

16.Qe3 Hoping for f4. **16...0-0** **17.Rd1** -0.63/10

[17.0-0-0!= -0.19/22]

17...Rd8 -0.27/8

[17...Qf7∓ -0.63/10 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.gxf5 Kh8]

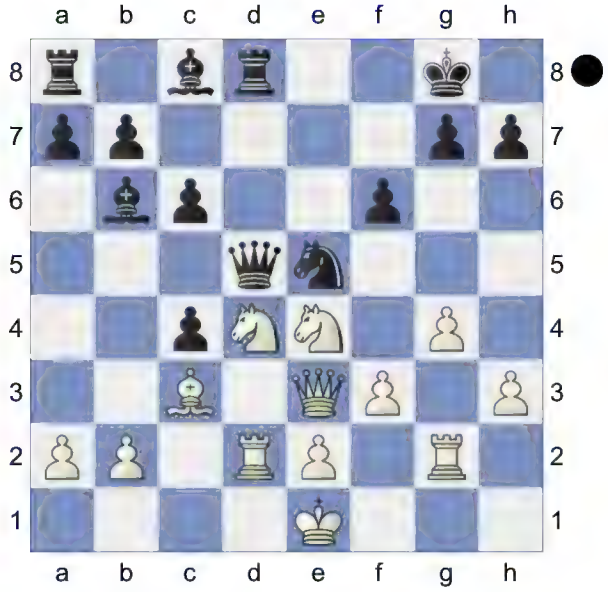
18.Rd2!= And now g5 would win.

18...Bb6 0.36/18 A curious picture, both white knights are pinned. Kosten, Anthony C: '#A curious picture, both white knights are pinned.'

[18...Qf7= -0.01/9 19.Kf1 a5]

19.f3 -0.64/11

[19.g5!± 0.36/18 f5 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.f3]



19...Nd3+? 0.18/8 This is a strange combination, due to time trouble, I suppose, as otherwise, almost any move was good for Black, Kosten,Anthony C: 'This is a strange combination, due to time trouble, I suppose, as otherwise, almost any move was good for Black,' **20.exd3** Rge2! is the strong threat. **20...Bxd4** **21.Bxd4** **Qxd4** **22.Qxd4** Remove Defender **22...Rxd4** **23.dxc4** **Rxd2** **24.Rxd2** Endgame. What a change ! Suddenly White has regained his pawn, controls the open d-file, and his uncastled king is well-placed in the centre! Kosten,Anthony C: 'What a change ! Suddenly White has regained his pawn, controls the open d-file, and his uncastled king is well-placed in the centre!'. aiming for Rd8+. KRB-KRN **24...Be6** **25.b3** Strongly threatening Nc5. **25...Kf8** **26.Kf2** **Re8** **27.f4** **Bc8** 0.56/22

[27...f5= 0.20/12 28.Ng5 *(28.Nd6 Rd8±)* 28...fxg4]

28.Nd6± Rd8 29.c5 Black is being dominated. Threatens to win with Ke3.

29...b6 30.b4 bxc5 1.04/11

[30...Be6= 0.21/12]

31.bxc5± Be6 32.f5 0.96/11

[⌓32.Rb2 1.56/20]

32...Bd5 33.Rb2 Prevents Rb8 **33...a5** 1.49/19

[⌓33...g6 1.11/25]

34.a3 0.79/18

[White should play 34.a4! 1.49/19]

34...h6 1.87/24

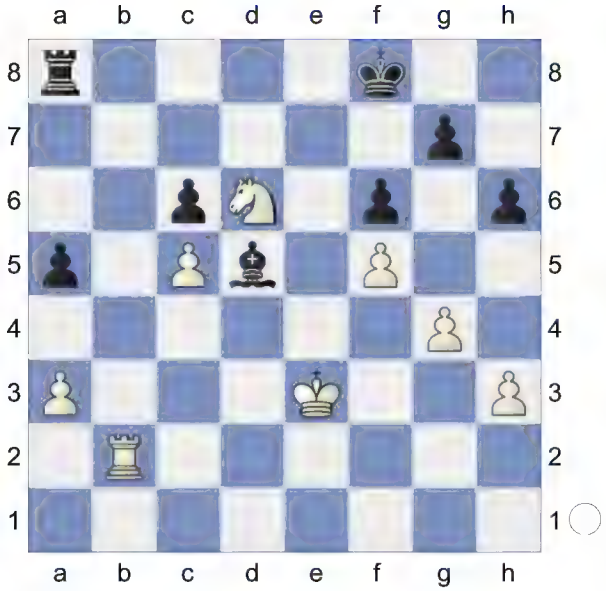
[34...a4± 0.79/18]

35.Ke3 0.85/19

[35.a4!+- 1.87/24]

35...Ra8? 2.93/22

[35...a4± 0.85/19]



36.h4? 0.79/11

[36.a4!+- 2.93/22 is the precise move to win.]

36...Kg8 2.10/22

[36...a4± 0.79/11]

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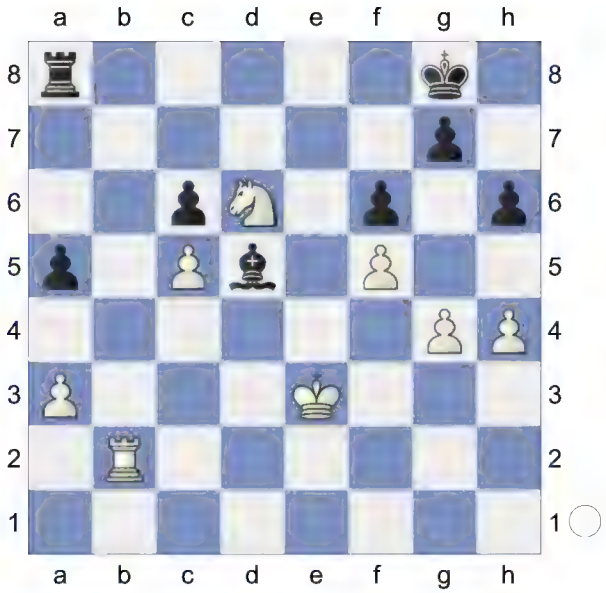

37.Kf4!+- Kf8 38.g5 White increases his space advantage almost every move.

38...hxg5+ 1.74/11

[38...a4 2.92/12 was worth a try. 39.Rb1 hxg5+ 40.hxg5 fxg5+ 41.Kxg5 Bb3]

39.hxg5 fxg5+ 40.Kxg5 Kg8? Too passive, Kosten,Anthony C: '#Too passive,'

[40...a4! and if 41.Rb7 then Ra5 still held out some hope.]

41.Rb7 Rf8 else White plays Kg6.

42.Ra7 Rf6?! 7.67/10

[⌓42...Ba2 3.96/13 43.Rxa5 *(43.Kg6 Rf6+ 44.Kg5 Rh6±)* 43...Kh8]

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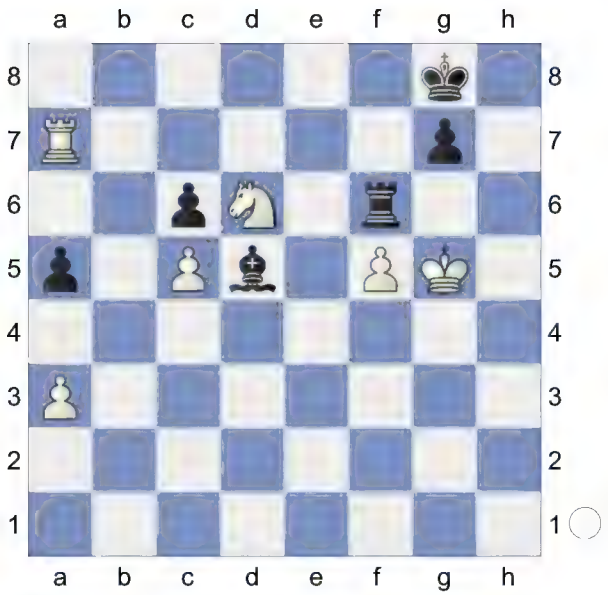

43.Rxg7+!! Decoy **43...Kxg7 44.Ne8+ Kf7 45.Nxf6** KB-KN **45...Bb3 46.Ng4 Bd5 47.Ne5+ Ke7 48.f6+ Ke6** 9.38/12
[⌓48...Kf8 4.79/7 49.Kf5 Kg8]
49.f7 Ke7 50.Kg6 Black must give his bishop for the f-pawn, the rest of the game is without interest. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Black must give his bishop for the f-pawn, the rest of the game is without interest.' **50...Bxf7+ 51.Nxf7** Ng5 would kill now. KN-KPP **51...Ke6 52.Nd6** Intending a4 and mate. **52...Kd5 53.Nb7 Kc4 54.Kf5** 27.87/28
[Worse is 54.Nxa5+ Kxc5 55.Kg7 Kb5=]
[⌓54.Kf6 #20/31 a4 55.Ke6 Kb3 56.Na5+ Kxa3 57.Nxc6 Kb3 58.Nd4+ Kc4 59.c6]
54...a4 55.Ke4 White mates. **55...Kb3 56.Kd3 Kxa3 57.Kc3 Ka2 58.Na5 a3 59.Nxc6** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.57. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=8 Black=11 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=4 Black=12 Best: White=2 Black=5 Strong: White=2 --- Brilliant: White=1 ---
1-0

136 **A00**
□ **Papasimakopoulos,Alexandros** **2361**
■ **Rudzinska,Michalina** **2214**
Titled Tue 30th Sep 2025 blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6! 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3
[7.d4 e6 8.Bf4 Nh5 9.Bd2 Rb8 10.Qxa7 Rxb2 11.Bf3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Bd6 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Rb1 Rxb1+ 15.Nxb1 Nhf6 16.Nc3 Ne4 17.Nb5 Bb8 18.Qb7 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Rxc8 20.0-0 Rc2 21.Rc1 Rxc1+ 1-0 (63) Nakamura,H (2768)-Ibarra Jerez,J (2557) Titled Tue 1st Nov Early blitz 2022 (5)]
7...e6 8.d4 Black is clearly better.
8...Rb8 9.Qxa7 Bb4N -0.70/21
[9...Qc8∓ -1.57/23 10.Qa4 Bb4]
[9...Bd6 10.Qa6 Rb6 11.Qd3 Grob,H-Wegmuller,F FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960]
10.Bd2? -2.53/20
[Only move: 10.Bf4∓ -0.70/21 Rc8 11.h3]
10...0-0-+ 11.h3 Bf5 12.Nf3 Nb6? -1.11/23
[12...Ra8-+ -3.09/23 13.Qb7 Qa5]
13.Ne5 Qc8 0.01/25 Against Nc6
[13...Nc4∓ -1.39/20 14.a3 Ra8]
14.0-0 -0.97/24
[14.a3= 0.01/25]

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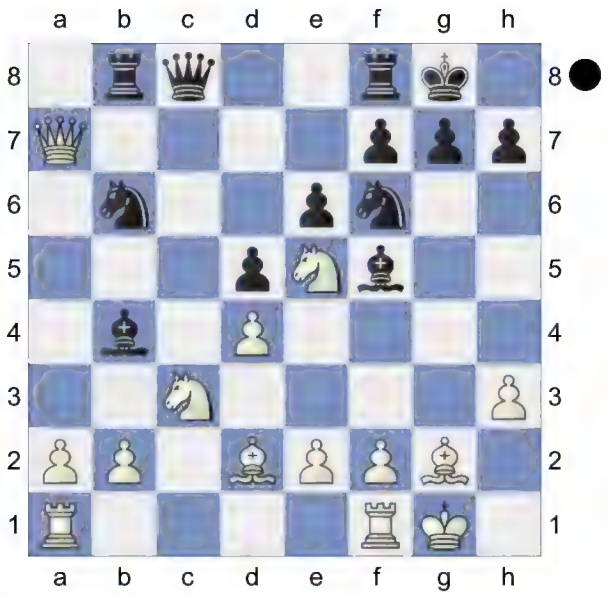
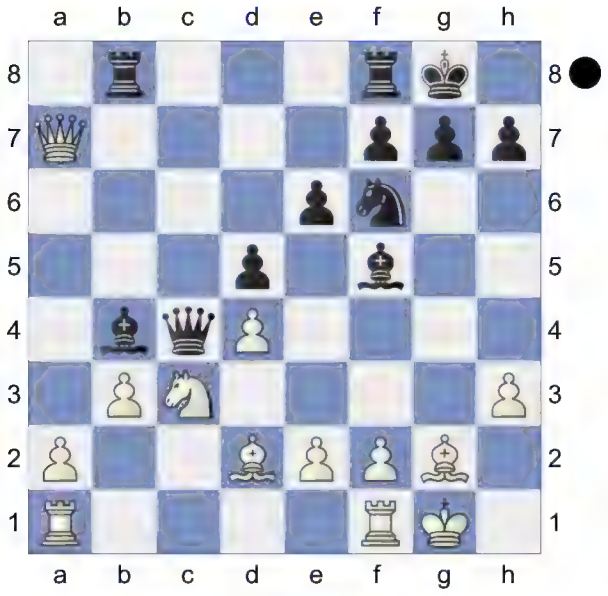


14...Nc4!∓ 15.Nxc4 Qxc4 16.b3 -1.72/23
[16.a3∓ -0.84/23 Ra8 17.Qb6]



16...Qc6!-+
[16...Qc8 17.Rac1 Qd8 18.Be3∓]
17.Qa4 Qb6 18.a3 -2.51/22
[⌓18.Rfd1 -1.62/21]
18...Bxc3? -0.26/22
[18...Qxd4 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxb4 Nxb4 21.Rfd1∓]
[18...Bd6-+ -2.51/22 aiming for ... Ra8!. 19.e4 dxe4 *(19...Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4∓)*]
19.Bxc3= Rfc8 0.22/23
[19...Ra8!∓ -0.53/22 20.Qb4 Qa6]
20.Rfc1! Qxb3 0.87/22
[20...h6= 0.09/22 remains equal.]
21.Qxb3± Rxb3 22.Bb4 0.50/23
[22.Be1± 0.86/24 Rxc1 23.Rxc1]
22...Ra8± 23.Ra2 -0.54/23
[23.Be1!± 0.52/24]
23...Nd7 0.40/23
[23...Rxb4? 24.axb4 Re8 25.b5+-]
[23...h5∓ -0.54/23 24.Be7 Bxh3]
24.Bc5 -0.21/24
[24.Be7± 0.40/23]
24...Bb1 0.21/22
[⌓24...Ra4 -0.21/24]
25.Ra1!= Bg6 26.a4 Nb8? 3.35/22
[Black should try 26...Ra5!± 0.36/24]
27.a5 Na6 28.Bb6 1.38/21
[28.Bd6+- 3.33/21 has better winning chances.]
28...Kf8 1.82/20
[28...h6± 1.38/21 29.Bf1 f6]
29.e3 0.91/25
[29.Rc6+- 1.82/20]
29...Bd3± 30.Bf3 Ke8 31.Bd1 A strong pair of Bishops. **31...Rb2 32.Ba4+** 0.63/24
[32.h4± 1.02/23]
32...Bb5± 33.Bc2 Kd7 34.Rab1
[34.Bxh7 g6 35.e4 Rh8 *(35...dxe4? 36.d5-+)* 36.exd5 *(36.Rcb1? Rxb1+ 37.Rxb1 Bd3-+)* 36...exd5 *(36...Rxh7? 37.dxe6+ fxe6 38.d5∓)* 37.Bxg6 *(37.Rcb1? Rxb1+ 38.Rxb1 Bd3-+)* 37...Rg8-+ *(37...fxg6? 38.Ra3-+)*]
34...Rxb1 1.52/26
[34...Rxc2± 0.55/26 35.Rxc2 Bd3]
35.Rxb1± Kc6 36.Rc1 0.28/25
[36.Bxh7? g6 37.Rc1+ Kd7-+]
[36.h4± 1.46/23]
36...Kd7 0.82/23

[36...Kb7!= 0.28/25]
37.Rb1 -0.01/21
[37.Bxh7? g6 38.Rb1 Kc6-+]
[37.Bb3± 0.82/23]
37...Kc6!= 38.h4
[38.Bxh7? loses. g6 39.Kg2 Rh8 40.Rc1+ Bc4 41.Bxg6 fxg6-+]
38...g6 39.Kg2 0.87/23
[39.e4+- 1.65/23]
39...Nb8± 40.Rc1 Kd7 1.69/22
[40...Kb7± 0.61/23]
41.Bb3 1.00/22
[Better is 41.Bd1+- 1.69/22]
41...Na6 Against Rc7+ **42.Kg3** White is more active. **42...Rc8 43.Rxc8 Kxc8** Endgame KBB-KBN **44.Kf4 f6 45.f3** 0.23/24
[45.e4± 0.72/26]
45...Nb8 46.e4 White stays focused until the end. **46...Nd7?** 6.18/28
[46...Bc4= 0.29/24 47.Ba4 Nd7]
47.exd5+- exd5 48.Bxd5 Ba6 49.Be4 Bb7 50.Ke3 Nxb6 51.axb6 f5 52.Bxb7+ Kxb7 53.Kf4 and Ke5 should not be overlooked **53...Kxb6** K3P-K3P **54.Ke5 Kc7 55.Ke6** 12.56/23
[⌓55.d5 33.79/27 Kd7 56.f4]
55...Kd8 56.Kf6 #22/36
[56.f4+- 37.89/36 Kc7 57.d5]
56...Kd7 57.Kg7 Ke6 58.Kxh7 Kd5 59.Kxg6 f4 60.Kf5 Kxd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.87
61.Kxf4
1-0

137 **A00**
□ **Duckworth,William Mark** **2352**
■ **Schiller,Eric Andrew** **2270**
San Diego active 1988
[Schiller,Eric, MH]

It is hard enough to maintain an opening repertoire of main lines, let alone prepare for all the junk and garbage your opponent can throw at you. Some players react to a junk attack by going into a shell and refusing to take up the challenge of refuting the opening. This allows the unorthodox player to get a decent position, and often leads to defeat for the defender. When you are faced with an ugly opening move, just keep your head, concentrate on the center, development, and king safety. You don't need to memorize a lot of theory to confront a bad opening plan. This game shows perhaps the single worst opening in chess, the Grob (1.g4). Although it has an almost fanatical following, the weakness of the kingside is easily exploited. In the featured game, I take out one of the specialists in the opening, and FM who was higher rated than me at the time. See how easily the bad opening strategy is countered by sensible play! A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.h3 c6 3.Bg2 e5
It is generally considered best to counter a flank action with activity in the center of the board. Building a strong center is therefore a good idea. Note that the center is well supported. The pawn at d5 has two defenders, and the one at e5 can be defended or advanced as needed. White's play already seems artificial. After all, if the kingside is the focus of attack, what's the bishop doing on the a8-h1 diagonal? In fact, White just uses the

kingside pawns to gain a bit of space, and the center is the the intended target. Remember that if you play this defensive idea! **4.d3**

[4.d4 is more confrontational. e4 5.c4 Bd6 *(5...h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7* 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 is a very solid position for Black. 7.Bg5 is a strong move. *(7.g5* is a dubious move. *Be6 8.h4 Nf5 9.Bh3 0-0 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Ng3* puts White in deep trouble. *12.Nf6+ gxf6 13.fxg3 Bxg3+ 14.Kf1 Nc6 15.Be3 Nb4 16.Kg2 Nd5* Targets e3! *17.Kxg3 Nxe3 18.Qd2 Qd6+ 19.Kf2 Qf4+ 20.Nf3 exf3* and in Basman - Keene, Manchester 1981, White resigned. I spoke to Basman just after the game and he was pessimistic about the Grob, though his confidence returned quickly, as usual! *)* 7...f6 8.Bd2

A) 8...h5 may be playable. 9.g5 *(9.Qb3 hxg4 10.cxd5 g3* smashes open the position. *11.Nxe4 gxf2+ 12.Nxf2 Nf5 13.dxc6 Nxc6* is a reasonable gambit. *)* 9...f5 10.cxd5 cxd5 gave Black a good game in a correspondence game Dijksman vs. Suurendonk.;

B) 8...a6 9.Qb3 Bc7 10.0-0-0 b5 worked out well for Black in Welling vs. Biedekopper, 1991.;

C) 8...0-0! Black doesn't have to rush to castle, as the White king isn't going anywhere soon. 9.Qb3 Kh8 10.Rc1 Na6 with unclear complications in Basman - Kudrin, Manchester 1981.]

4...Bd6 Benjamin and I suggested 4... Ne7 in our 1987 book, but I find this move a bit more active. In either case, Black is already better! **5.Nc3N**

[5.c4 Ne7 6.Nc3 Be6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Bb4+ 9.Kf1 0-0 10.Nf3 f6 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 Nd7 13.Ng3 a5 14.b5 Nc3 15.Qd2 Nxb5 16.Nh4 Nd4 17.Rb1 Nc5 18.Qc3 Na4 19.Qe1 Qd7 0-1 14.♖ad1 ♖c8 15.♗b3 ♕f-Tay,J (2245) USSR 48/275 1989]

5...Ne7 6.e4 Be6

[6...d4 7.Nce2 0-0 8.f4 had been played in Wall vs. Par Excellence, 1986, and here Black could get a decent game by capturing on f4, retreating the bishop to c7, or ...Ng6. I think that the pawn should stay at d5, as in the game.]

7.Nf3 Nd7 -0.26/21

[7...d4!∓ -0.67/11 8.Ne2 c5]

8.0-0 -0.67/14

[8.d4!= -0.26/21]

8...f6 0.13/12 Black's position looks a bit artificial, but it is actually very well balanced and does not have any weaknesses. White has followed his ridiculous initial moves with sensible play, setting up in effect a Pirc in reverse, with an extended fianchetto on the kingside. If Black had played ...c5, this would not be a bad situation, since ...g5 is a typical more in the King's Indian. But with the pawn anchoring the center from c6, White does not have sufficient counterplay in the center.

[Black should try 8...d4∓ -0.67/14 9.Ne2 0-0]

9.d4!= A good move, which is at the very least a "confusionary riff" which gives

Black much to think about. Many players would how look long and hard at possible captures, but really all you have to do is consider White's threats. there aren't any. So justcastle! **9...0-0! 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.exd5** White hopes to equalize by creating a symmetrical pawn structure andexchanging a few pieces. Computers prefer capturing with a piece, but each exchange of pieces makes it harder for Black to build an attack on the kingside. I wanted to keep my minor pieces so that they could grow into major weapons! **11...cxd5** The pawn at d5 is secure and does not represent a weakness. The semi-open file is now available to Black. White's kingside pawns are not impresive, and White has no hope of mounting an attack on that flank. Objectively, Black is a bit better, though White is by no means losing.

[11...Nxd5 simplifies 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Nxe5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Bxe5 15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.Be3]

12.Nd4 -0.34/14

[12.Re1= 0.17/14]

12...Bf7∓ 13.b3 There are no prospects on the kingside, so White makes room for the bishop at b2 while preventing an annoying ...Nc4 at some point in the future. **13...Rc8 14.Bb2** -1.04/11

[14.Nce2!∓ -0.40/19]

14...Bb4 -0.55/14 Black is more active.

[14...N5g6∓ -1.04/11 15.Re1 Re8]

15.Nce2 Qd7 Rooks are connected and opening goals have been met. **16.a3 Ba5 17.f4** A poor move. White clearly fails to appreciate the vulnerability of his kingside, a malady which afflicts many practicioners of the "macho" Grob. To be fair, computers, which are in any case unimpressed by White's game, also like this move. **17...N5g6 18.f5** White grabs e6, but gives up e5. **18...Ne5** 0.36/14

[18...Nh4∓ -0.72/12]

19.Nf4 White seems to be making progress, but only because of the strong knight at d4. This can be eliminated easily enough. **19...Bb6 20.Kh1 Bxd4! 21.Bxd4 N7c6 22.Rf2** -0.02/10

[22.Bxe5± 0.41/14 Nxe5 23.Nxd5]

22...Rfe8 23.Qd2 -0.50/11

[23.Bb2= 0.19/8]

23...Qd6! -0.06/11 With the dark-squared bishop gone, the queen takes over the role of guardian of the crucial dark squares.

[23...Nxd4∓ -0.50/11 is more appropriate. 24.Qxd4 Nc6]

24.Bb2= This pair of bishops is nice. **24...d4** Not only is the Bb2 cut off, but there will soon be a home for Black's bishop at d5. **25.Rd1 Rcd8 26.Nd3** -1.13/15

[26.a4= -0.17/22 keeps the balance.]

26...Bd5 -0.41/10 Black has a serious positional advantage even after the best move, 27.Nf4. White fails to appreciate the need to keep the e2-square under control, and pays a very heavy price.

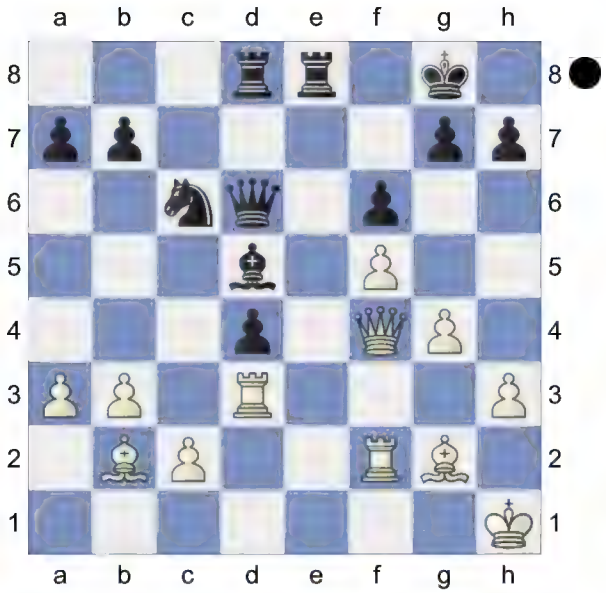
[26...Nxd3∓ -1.13/15 27.Qxd3 h6]

27.Qf4? -2.63/10 A poor move. Loses the game.

[Better is 27.Nf4∓ -0.41/10 Bxg2+ 28.Kxg2]

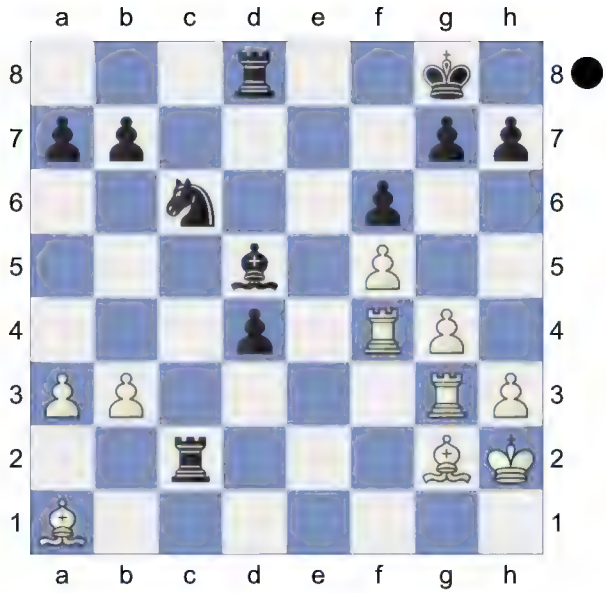
27...Nxd3-+ 28.Rxd3

(Diagram)



Qxf4 -1.56/13
[28...Re1+!-+ -4.40/18 and Black stays clearly on top. 29.Kh2 Qxf4+ Deflection 30.Rxf4 Re2]
29.Rxf4 -2.94/11
[29.Bxd5+∓ -1.56/13 was the only chance. Rxd5 30.Rxf4]
29...Re1+ 30.Kh2 Black is clearly winning. **30...Re2!** The pin is excruciating. Black has a winning game.
31.Rg3 Rxc2 32.Ba1 -6.54/11
[32.Bxd4 Bxg2]
[⌓32.Bxd4 -4.46/11 Bxg2 33.Rf2]

(Diagram)



32...d3! and Black won quickly.
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138 **A00**
□ **Scheglov,Gleb** **2318**
■ **Jankowiak,Tomasz** **2110**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Late blitz (4) 08.04.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.c4 Nf6N
[2...c6 3.Bg2 d6 4.e3 h5 5.gxh5 Qh4 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.exd4 Rxh5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Nge2 Bh3 11.Bf3 Bg4 12.Bxg4 Nxg4 13.h3 Nf6 14.Ng3 Rh8 15.Be3 Nbd7 16.Ke2 0-0-0 17.Kf3 1-0 (61) Vachier Lagrave,M (2795)-Xiong,J (2652) chess.com Speed 1m+1spm 2017 blitz (1.26)]
[2...Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 *(3...Nc6 4.Nc3*

Nge7 5.Bg2 d6 6.g5 0-0 7.h4 Be6 8.d3 d5 9.Bd2 dxc4 10.Ne4 Bb6 11.dxc4 Bxc4 12.Qc2 Qd5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Qxc4 Qxb2 15.Bc3 Ba5 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.Nxc3 Qa3 18.Rab1 1-0 (61) RaspFish (3008)-Phalanx-XXV (2479) Blitz 2024*)* 4.Rg1 Nf6 5.h3 Ne4 *(5...Be6 6.e3 e4 7.Ng5 0-0 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Ncxe4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 f5 11.gxf5 Bxf5 12.Ng3 Bd7 13.a3 Bc5 14.d4 Bb6 15.Bd3 Qf6 16.Qe2 g6 17.c5 dxc5 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Bc4+* 1-0 (47) RaspFish (3007)-Phalanx-XXV (2491) Blitz 2024*)* 6.e3 0-0 7.a3 Bb6 8.b4 Be6 9.Qc2 Ng5 10.Nxg5 Qxg5 11.Nc3 Qh4 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.Bb2 f5 14.Ng3 fxg4 15.hxg4 Qf6 16.0-0-0 Bxg4 17.Re1 1-0 (48) ToromBot (3018)-Phalanx-XXV (2485) Blitz 2024]

3.g5 Ne4 4.h4 d5 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.a3 -0.81/21

[7.d3!= 0.29/19 Qa5+ 8.Kf1]

7...Bf5 0.01/23

[7...Qd4∓ -0.81/21 8.e3 Qd3]

8.d3= The position is equal. **8...Qa5+ 9.b4 Bxb4+ 10.axb4 Qxa1 11.dxe4**

[11.Bxe4? Bxe4 *(11...Qxb1 12.Bxf5 a5 13.bxa5±)* 12.f3 Qxb1-+]

11...Qxb1 12.exf5 Rd8 0.56/25

[12...Nxb4= 0.01/24 13.Nf3 *(13.Bxb7? Nc2+* Discovered Attack *14.Kf1 Qxb7-+)* 13...0-0]

13.Bd2 0.18/20

[13.Bxc6+± 0.56/25 bxc6 14.Bd2 Qxf5 *(14...Qxd1+? 15.Kxd1 h6 16.f6+-)* 15.f3]

13...Qxf5 14.b5 Nd4 15.Kf1? -4.00/24

[15.Rh3!= 0.01/22]

15...0-0? -0.40/22

[15...Qc2!-+ -4.00/24 16.Qxc2 Nxc2]

16.Be3? -9.66/24

[16.Bxb7∓ -0.40/22 Nxb5 17.Rh3]

16...Nxb5 17.Qc1 c6? -0.74/21

[17...Nc3-+ -4.96/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 18.Bd2 Qb1 19.Qxb1 Nxb1]

18.Nf3∓ Rd6 1.09/24

[18...Nd4∓ -0.90/21 stays on course. 19.Bxd4 exd4]

19.Bc5 0.13/23

[19.Nd2± 1.09/24]

19...Rfd8 0.91/23 **20.Bxd6± Rxd6 21.Ne1** 0.36/22

[21.Bh3± 1.25/21 Qe4 22.Kg2]

21...a5 1.74/21

[21...Qf4!± 0.36/22 22.Qxf4 exf4]

22.Rh3 0.65/22

[22.Qa1!+- 1.74/21]

22...a4± 23.Rf3 -0.01/21

[White should play 23.h5± 0.59/21]

23...Qe6 24.Bh3 Against g6 **24...Qd5⇄** Black is not holding back **25.Kg1** -1.14/23

[25.Bg2!= 0.01/22]

25...a3? 0.53/26

[25...Qd1∓ -1.14/23 26.Qc4 Rd5 *(26...Qxe1+ 27.Kg2∓)*]

26.Rxa3 -0.71/20

[26.Rd3± 0.53/26 was the only good move. Qa2 27.Rxd6 Nxd6 28.Qd1]

26...Nxa3∓ 27.Qxa3 Qd1 -0.01/24

[27...Rd8!∓ -0.75/25]

28.Kg2 Hoping for Nd3. **28...Rd8 29.Nf3** -0.50/24

[29.Qe7= -0.08/26]

29...Qxe2 0.58/27

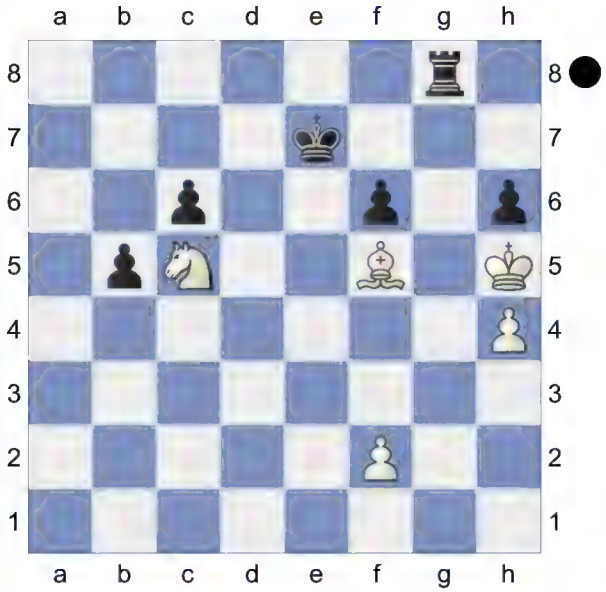
[29...e4∓ -0.50/24 30.Ne5 e3 *(30...Qxe2? 31.Qe7+-)* 31.Qxe3 Re8]

30.Qe7!± Rf8 31.Qxe5? -2.15/25 White is more active.

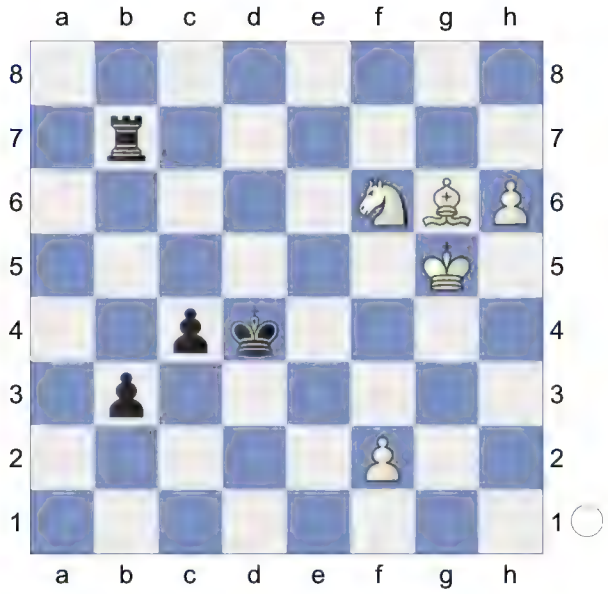
[31.Nxe5± 0.69/26 stays ahead. Qe4+ 32.Kg3]

31...Qxe5-+ 32.Nxe5 Ra8 33.Bg4

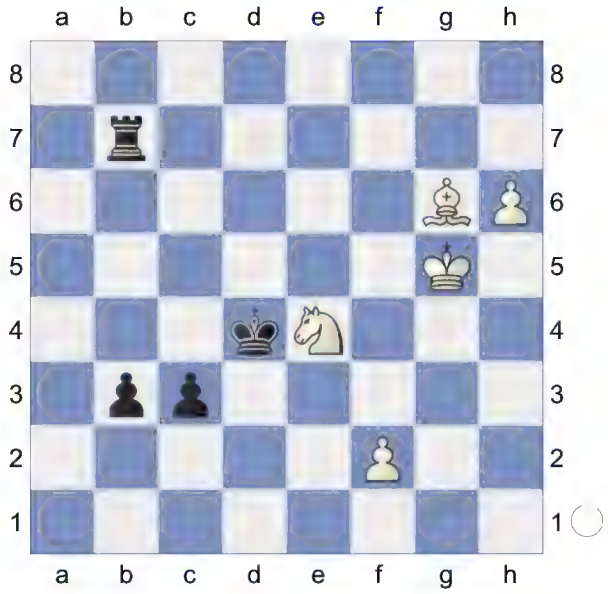
-2.23/23
[33.h5 -1.79/21]
33...f6 34.gxf6 gxf6 35.Nd7 -2.90/21
[35.Nc4 -2.06/21 keeps fighting.]
35...Kf7 36.Bf5 Ke7 37.Kg3? -7.39/23
[37.Nb6 -1.97/23 Rg8+ 38.Kf3]
37...h6? -2.65/22
[37...Ra5 -7.39/23 38.Bh3 Rb5]
38.Kg4? -6.44/23
[38.Nb6 -2.65/22 Ra5 39.Kg4]
38...Rg8+? -2.43/24
[38...Ra4+ -6.44/23 39.Kg3 Rb4]
39.Kh5 b5 40.Nc5



Kd6? -0.75/24
[40...Rd8!-+ -2.35/24 41.Kg6 *(41.Kxh6? Rd5-+)* 41...b4]
41.Nb7+? -4.12/25
[41.Bh7∓ -0.75/24 is a better chance. Rg2 42.Ne4+ Kd5 43.Nxf6+ Ke5 44.Ne4]
41...Ke5 42.Bg6 Rb8? -0.01/26
[42...b4-+ -4.03/22 ...Rxg6! is the strong threat. 43.Kxh6 Rh8+ 44.Kg7 Rxh4]
43.Nc5 -0.89/23
[43.Na5= -0.01/26 remains equal. Rc8 44.Kxh6]
43...Kd5 -0.12/21
[Better is 43...Kd4∓ -0.89/23 44.Ne6+ Kc3]
44.Nd7= Rb7 45.Nxf6+ Kd4? 4.03/24
[45...Ke5!= 0.01/23 46.Ne4 b4]
46.Kxh6+- c5 47.Kg5 c4 48.h5 b4 49.h6 b3



50.Ne4 0.05/22
[50.h7 Rxh7 51.Bxh7 *(51.Nxh7? c3-+)* 51...c3∓]
[50.Ng4!+- 2.31/23]
50...c3!=



51.Nxc3 Kxc3 Endgame KR-KB **52.h7 Rb8 53.Kh6 b2 54.f4 Kd2 55.Kg7**

Rb7+ 56.Kh6 Rb8
[56...b1B? 57.h8Q *(57.h8R Rb6=)* 57...Bxg6 58.Kxg6+-]
[56...Rb6!? 57.h8Q□ *(57.h8R? b1Q-+)* 57...b1Q 58.Qd4+ Ke2 59.Qc4+ Ke1 60.Qc3+ Ke2 61.Qe5+ Kf2 62.Qc5+ Ke2 63.Qc4+=]
57.Bb1 Kc1 58.Be4 Re8
[58...b1B? 59.Bxb1 Kxb1 60.f5+-]
59.Bg6 Really sharp! **59...Re6** 6.01/25
[59...b1R 60.Bxe8 Rb6+ 61.Kg5+-]
[59...b1Q? too greedy. 60.Bxb1 Rf8 61.f5+-]
[59...Rc8= 0.01/27]
60.h8Q+-
[60.h8R b1Q *(60...b1B 61.Rg8±)* 61.Rg8 Qf5-+]
60...Rxg6+ 61.Kxg6 b1Q+ KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **62.f5 Qe4** Prevents Qh1+. **63.Qc8+ Kb2 64.Kf7 Qd5+ 65.Qe6 Qb7+ 66.Ke8 Qb8+ 67.Kd7 Qb7+ 68.Kd8 Qb8+ 69.Qc8 Qe5 70.Qe6?** 0.01/23
[70.Qb7++- 5.83/23 Kc3 71.Qc6+ Kb2 72.Qb6+ Kc3 73.f6 Qd5+ 74.Ke7]
70...Qd4+? 5.37/24
[70...Qb8+!= 0.01/23 and Black stays safe. 71.Ke7 Qa7+ 72.Kf8 Qb8+ 73.Kg7 Qb7+ 74.Kg6 Qg2+ 75.Kh6 Qh1+ 76.Kg7 Qb7+]
71.Ke7 Qg7+ 72.Kd6 Qd4+ 73.Qd5 Qf6+ 74.Kc5 Threatening mate with Qd4+. **74...Qe7+ 75.Qd6 Qe3+** #12/20
[75...Qg5+- 4.65/21 76.Qe5+ Kc2]
76.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 77.Kxd4 KP-K. White is a pawn up. **77...Kb3 78.f6 Kb4 79.f7 Kb5 80.f8Q Kb6 81.Qc5+** 10.25/5
[⌓81.Qf7 #6/14 Kc6 82.Qd5+ Kb6 83.Qd7 Ka5 84.Kc5 Ka6 85.Qh7 Ka5 86.Qa7#]
81...Ka6 82.Qb4 White mates. **82...Ka7 83.Qb5 Ka8 84.Kd5 Ka7 85.Kd6 Ka8 86.Kc7 Ka7 87.Qb2 Ka8** Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.94
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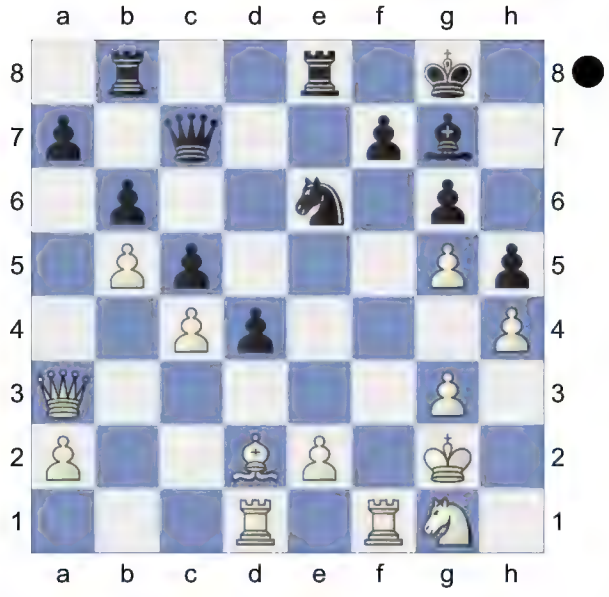
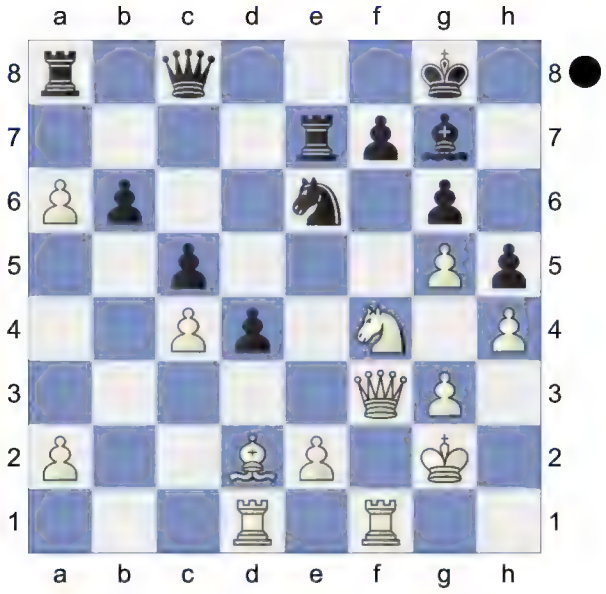
139 **A00**
□ **Vovk,Orest** **2315**
■ **Korobov,A.** **2683**
Bogdanovich Mem Final (4) 13.02.2021
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 h5N**
[2...e5 3.Bg2 *(3.d3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Be6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 f5 10.Nf3 Qd6 11.Qb1 fxg4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qa6 Bd7 15.Bh3 0-0 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Qa4 Qf5* 11 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game*)* 3...c6 4.d4 Nd7 *(4...e4 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 Ne7 19.Nd1* 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982 *)* 5.c4 dxc4 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Be3 Ke8 10.f4 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.f5 Bg3+ 13.Bf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nf4 15.Ne5 Nxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Ne4 19 Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game]
[2...g6 3.d3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 h6 9.Bg3 Nge7 10.e4 0-0 11.f4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxb2 13.Rb1 Bg7 14.Ne2 c4 15.dxc4 Qxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Na5 17.Bf2 29 Chapter-Games Chapter 1

Game]
3.g5 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.c4 d4 -0.49/26 Black is more active.
[5...dxc4∓ -0.97/21 6.Nc3 e5]
6.d3 e5 7.h4 Ne7 8.Nd2 Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Ne4 Nf5 10.Qb3 Nd7 11.Nf3 Rb8 12.Bd2** -1.24/20
[⌓12.Qc2 -0.71/20]
12...b6∓ 13.Qa3 -2.01/23
[13.Bb4∓ -1.23/24]
13...Bb7 14.Ng3 -2.19/21
[⌓14.b4 -1.69/20]
14...Nxg3-+ 15.fxg3 e4 16.dxe4 Bxe4 17.0-0 Nc5 18.b4 -2.57/23
[18.Rad1∓ -1.51/19]
18...Ne6 White must now prevent ...d4-d3. **19.Rad1** -2.06/20
[⌓19.Rac1 -1.68/20]
19...c5 20.b5 Qc7 21.Kh2 Rfe8 22.Ng1 -2.06/19
[22.Ne1∓ -1.56/18 Qb7 23.Bxe4 Qxe4 24.Qd3 Qxd3 25.exd3]
22...Bxg2 23.Kxg2



a6! 24.bxa6 Ra8 25.Nh3 Qc8 26.Qf3 Re7
[26...Qxa6 27.Qxf7+ Kh7 28.Rf6±]
27.Nf4 -2.73/19
[⌓27.Rb1 -1.84/19]



27...Nxf4+!
[Not 27...Rxa6 28.Nd5 Rea7 29.a3∓]
[Inferior is 27...Qxa6 28.Nxe6 fxe6 29.Qd3=]
28.Bxf4 Rxa6 29.Rd2 Qe6 30.Rc2 -3.05/21
[30.Qd5 -1.85/18 keeps fighting.]
30...Rea7 31.Bb8 -4.10/25
[31.a4 -2.83/19 is a better defense.]
31...Rxa2 32.Bxa7 -4.63/21
[⌓32.Rfc1 -3.08/19 R2a3 33.Qf2]
32...Rxc2 33.Rf2 Rc3 ⌓34.Qa8+ -3.93/21 **Kh7** aiming for ...Bg7-e5!
[34...Bf8 35.Qd5]
35.Qb7 Kg8 ...Bg7-e5 would now be deadly. **36.Bxb6** -6.15/22 **Be5 37.Bc7 Rxg3+** Black mates. **38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Ke1 Rg1+ 40.Kd2 Qc3#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.29 (precise) . Mistake: White=11 --- Inaccurate: White=2 Black=2 OK: White=8 Black=12 Best: --- Black=1 Strong: --- Black=1
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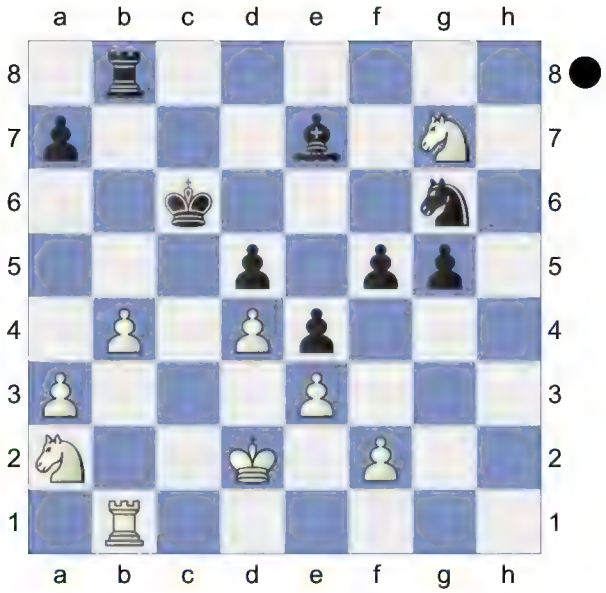
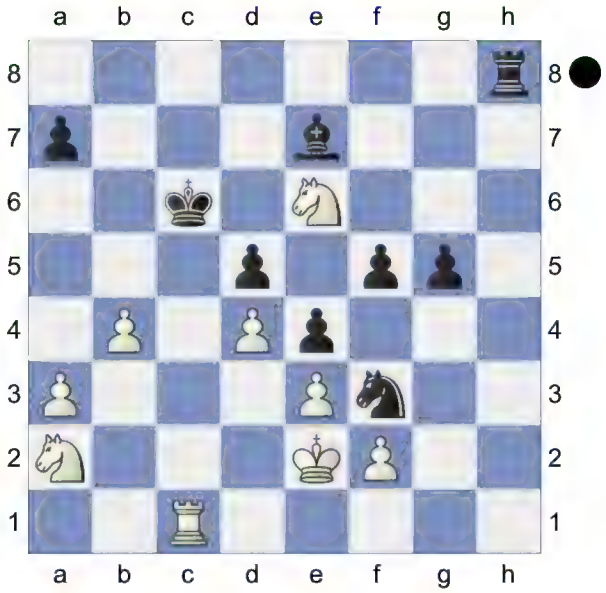
140 **A00**
□ **Vovk,Orest** **2315**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
Titled Tue 4. Jul Early (2) 04.07.2023
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5**
[5...dxc4 6.Nc3±]
6.Nc3N
[6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)]
6...hxg4
[6...dxc4?! 7.g5=]
7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 Black is better.
8...gxh3 0.19/17
[8...Ne7!∓ -1.16/19 White must now prevent ...Nbc6. 9.Bf4 a6]
9.Bxh3 -0.20/10
[9.Qxd5 0.19/17 was preferrable. Qxd5 *(9...hxg2? 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Rxh8+-)* 10.Nxd5]
9...Bxh3= 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 aiming for ...Bb4. **12.Qxb7 Nb4** 0.25/24
[12...Nge7 -0.12/12 might be stronger. 13.Bf4 *(13.Nxd5? Rb8-+)* 13...Qc8 *(13...Nxd4 14.Rd1±)* 14.Qxc8+ Rxc8]
13.Qb5+
[13.Ng5 looks sharper. Be7 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.Rc1]
13...Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Wards off Nc2 **15...Ne7** -0.10/16
[15...Bd6!∓ -0.49/10 16.a3 Nc6 17.Nxd5 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ gxf6]
16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3 19.Rb1 Kc6 20.Kc2 Rb8↑ Black fights for an advantage. **21.Bd2 g5 22.Nh5 f5 23.Na2 Nxd2 24.Kxd2 Ng6 25.b4 Be7 26.Ng7** -1.02/10
[White should try 26.Rc1+∓ -0.40/16 Kd7 27.Nc3]

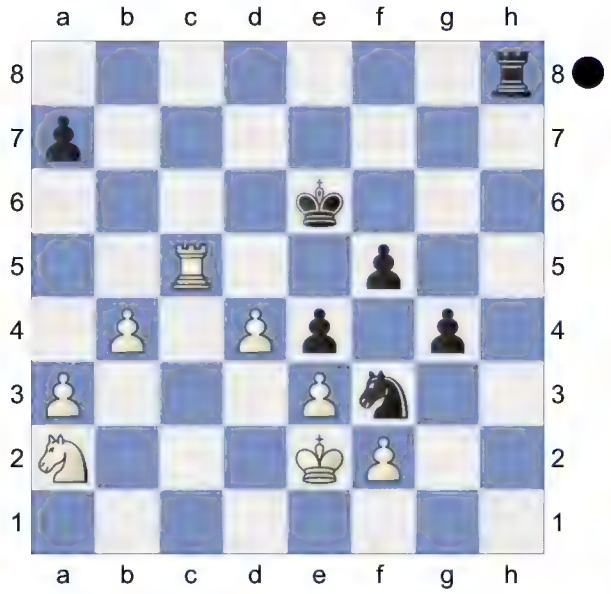


26...Nh4!∓ Hoping for ...Kd7. **27.Ne6 Nf3+ 28.Ke2 Rh8 29.Rc1+?** -4.69/14
[29.Nc3∓ -1.00/20 is more resistant.]



29...Kd7!-+ 30.Nc5+ Bxc5 31.Rxc5?

-5.80/15 Endgame. KRN-KRN. White does not recover from this.
[31.dxc5∓ -1.33/12 was the crucial defense. g4 32.Rd1]
31...g4 Strongly threatening ...Rh1.
32.Rxd5+ Ke6 33.Rc5



g3! 34.fxg3
[34.Rc6+ Kd7]
34...Rh2+ Skewer **35.Kf1** -5.43/19
[⌓35.Kd1 -3.63/12 Rxa2 36.Rc6+ Kd7 37.Ra6]
35...Rxa2 KRN-KR **36.Ra5** -7.79/11
[⌓36.Rc6+ -4.53/11 Ke7 *(36...Kd7? 37.Rc5-+)* 37.Rc7+ Kd6 38.Rxa7]
36...Nd2+ 37.Kg1 Nc4 38.Ra6+ Kd5 39.Rxa7 Nxe3 40.b5 Rg2+ 41.Kh1 Rxg3 And now ...f4! would win. **42.b6 Kc6**
[Inferior is 42...Kxd4 43.Ra4+ Nc4 44.b7=]
43.b7 Kc7 Threatens to win with ...f4.
44.a4 f4 (→ ...f3) **45.a5 f3 46.a6 f2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.15 (very precise) . Loses game: White=2 --- Mistake: White=4 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=3 --- OK: White=9 Black=11 Best: --- Black=4 Strong: --- Black=2
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141 **A00**
□ **Vovk,Orest** **2315**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2723**
Titled Tuesday 15. Sept (1) 15.09.2020
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**
[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4. 3)]
1...h5 2.g5 g6N
[2...e5 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 d5 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Bf4 Bxc2 8.Qd2 Bg6 9.0-0-0 c6 10.e4 Nd7 11.Qe1 Rc8 12.Bh3 Qa5 13.Qe3 b5 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Rxd5 Rxc3+ 16.bxc3 Nb6 17.Rd2 1-0 9.h5 ♗h7 10.♗d3 ♗d3-4.♘f3 b6 5.♕b3 c5 FIDE GP 2014 (1) Qa3+ 18.Kd1 Qa4+ 19.Ke1 Qe4 20.Rd4 Qb1+ 21.Ke2 Qxa2+ 22.Kf1 Nbd5 23.Qe5 f6 24.Qe6 f5 25.Bc7 h4 26.Ne5 Qb1+ 27.Kg2 Ne3+ 28.Kf3 Qxh1+ 29.Ke2 Bh5+ 30.f3 Qxh2+ 31.Kxe3 1-0 9.h5 ♗h7 10.♗d3 ♗d3-4.♘f3 b6 5.♕b3 c5 FIDE GP 2014 (1)]
[2...h4 3.d4 d6 4.Qd3 g6 5.Bg2

Nc6 6.c3 Bd7 7.Na3 Qc8 8.h3 e5 9.d5 Nce7 10.Nf3 f5 11.gxf6 Nxf6 12.Bg5 Bf5 13.Qc4 Nfxd5 14.Nxh4 c6 15.e4 Nb6 16.Qd3 Be6 17.Qxd6 Mehnert-Grob,H FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942]

3.Bg2 d5 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nc3 c6 0.42/13

[5...Bg4∓ -0.82/11 6.f3 exf3 7.Nxf3 e6]

6.Nxe4± Bg4 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Qe2 0.30/16

[8.d4± 0.86/12]

8...Ne5 0.72/23

[8...e6!= 0.30/16]

9.h3 0.35/14

[9.d4± 0.72/23 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3]

9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 Bg7 12.c3 0.16/13

[12.d4± 0.55/14]

12...e6= 13.d4 Ne7 14.Nf6+ Bxf6 15.Qxf6 0-0 Black is weak on the dark squares **16.Bf4** Threatening mate with Be5. **16...Nd5 17.Qxd8 Rfxd8 18.Be5 Rac8 19.0-0-0 b5 20.a3** -0.48/23

[20.Kc2= 0.00/19]

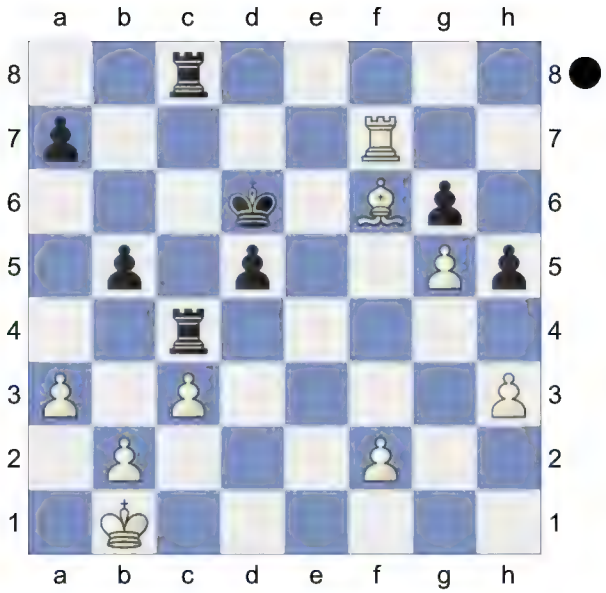
20...c5 0.02/8

[20...a5∓ -0.48/23]

21.dxc5 Rxc5 22.Bd4 Rc7 23.Kb1 Kf8 24.Be5 Rc6 25.Rd4 Ke8 26.Rhd1 Rdc8 27.Re1 Kd7 28.Bf6 Rc4 29.Rxd5+ -0.89/9 **exd5** Endgame. KRR-KRB **30.Re7+ Kd6 31.Rxf7** -4.81/14

[31.Rxa7∓ -0.57/17 Rh4 32.Rxf7]

(Diagram)



Black continues to play with concentration. **31...R4c7!-+ 32.Rxc7 Rxc7** KR-KB **33.Kc2 Rc4 34.Bd4 Ke6 35.b3** -4.37/15

[⌓35.Kd3 -2.80/10]

35...Rc7 36.Kd3 Kf5 37.Be3? -5.82/22

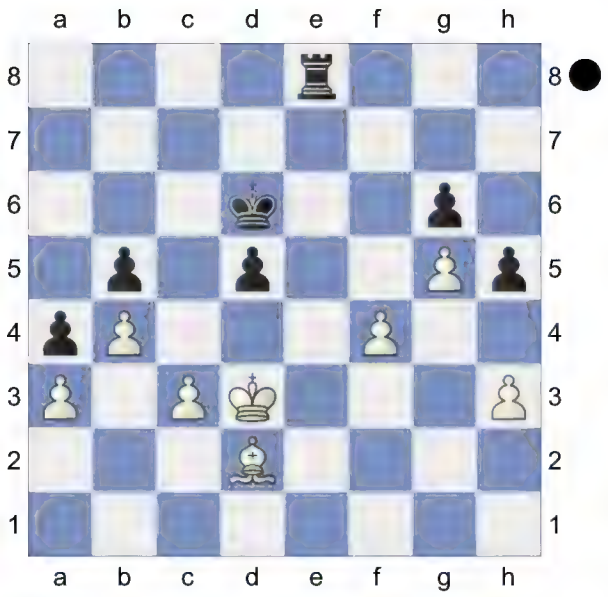
[37.Bf6 -3.50/9 might work better.]

37...a6 38.Kd4 Rc8 39.Bd2 Ke6 40.Be3 Rf8 41.f4 Rc8 42.Bd2 Kf5 43.Kd3 Re8 44.Be3 Re4 45.Bd2 a5 46.Be3 a4 47.b4 -8.03/14

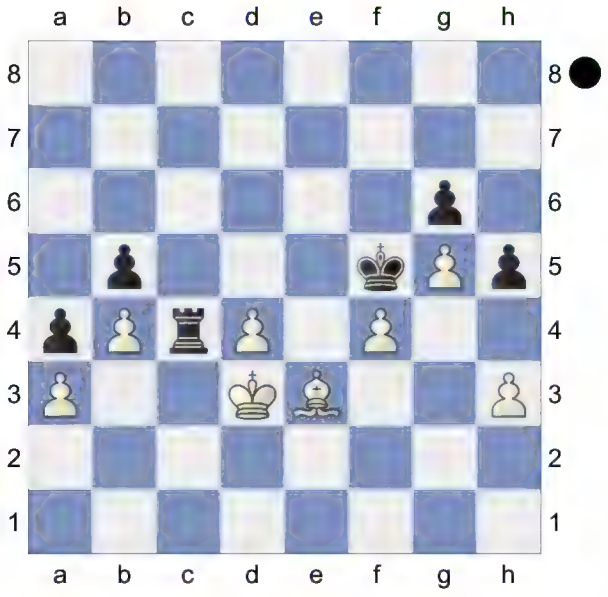
[⌓47.bxa4 -5.05/8 Rxa4 *(47...bxa4? 48.Ke2-+)* 48.Bc1]

47...Rc4 48.Bd2 Re4 49.Be3 Re8 50.Bd2 Ke6 51.Kd4 Kd6 And now ... Re2 would win. **52.Kd3**

(Diagram)

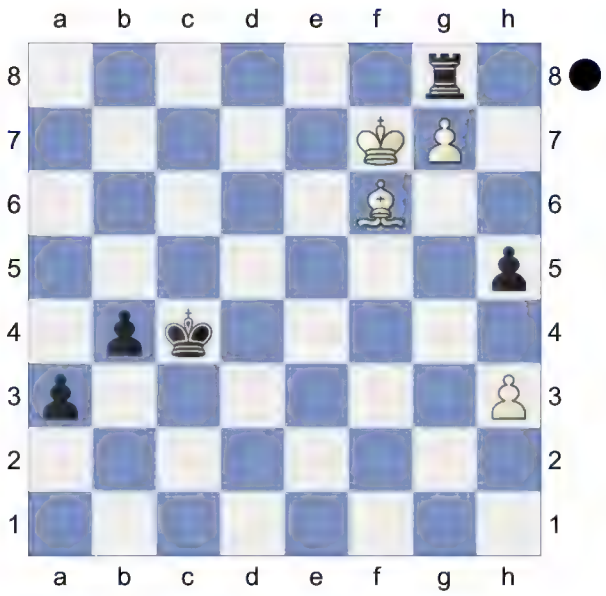


d4! 53.cxd4 Kd5 54.Be3 Rc8 55.Bd2 Rc4-+ -5.78/19 **56.Bc3 Ke6**
[56...Rc6]
57.Bd2 Kf5? 0.00/6 **58.Be3?** -5.19/29
[58.d5= 0.00/6 and White is okay.]



58...Ke6! 59.Bd2 Rc8 60.Be3? -3.90/9
[60.Ke4 -1.65/1 is a better defense.]
60...Kd5 61.Bd2 Re8 62.Be3 Re4 63.Kd2 Kc4 64.Ke2 Re8 Strongly threatening ...Kb3. **65.Kd2?** -6.31/13
[65.Kf3 -2.99/10 Kb3 66.d5 Kxa3 67.Bb6]

65...Kb3 66.Kd3 Kxa3 67.f5 gxf5 68.d5 Kb3 69.Bd4 Against Rd8 **69...Rd8**
[69...Kxb4 70.g6=]
70.g6 Rxd5
[70...Kxb4 71.g7±]
71.g7 Rd8!
[71...Kxb4 72.g8Q *(72.g8R a3∓)* 72...Rd7 73.Qc8 Rxd4+ 74.Kxd4 Kb3 75.Qc3+ *(75.Qxf5 Kb2 76.Qxb5+ Kc2 77.Qxa4+ Kb2 78.h4 Kc1 79.Kc3 Kb1 80.Qc2+ Ka1 81.Qb2#)* 75...Ka2 76.Qb4 f4 77.Kc3 *(77.Qxb5 a3 78.Kc3 h4 79.Kc2 f3 80.Qb1#)* 77...a3 78.Kc2 h4 79.Qb1#]
72.Ke3 a3 73.Bf6 Rg8 74.Kf4 Kxb4 75.Kxf5 Kc4 Hoping for ...b4. **76.Kg6 b4 77.Kf7**



Rxg7+!! 78.Kxg7 KB-K3P
[78.Bxg7 b3]
78...b3 (→ ...b2) **79.Kg6 b2** Black mates. **80.Bxb2 axb2 81.Kxh5 b1Q**
[And not 81...b1B 82.Kh6=]
82.h4 Qf5+ 83.Kh6 Qg4 84.h5 Kd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.31. Loses game: White=2 -

-- Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=9 Black=2 Inaccurate: --- Black=4 OK: White=15 Black=15 Best: White=3 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=2
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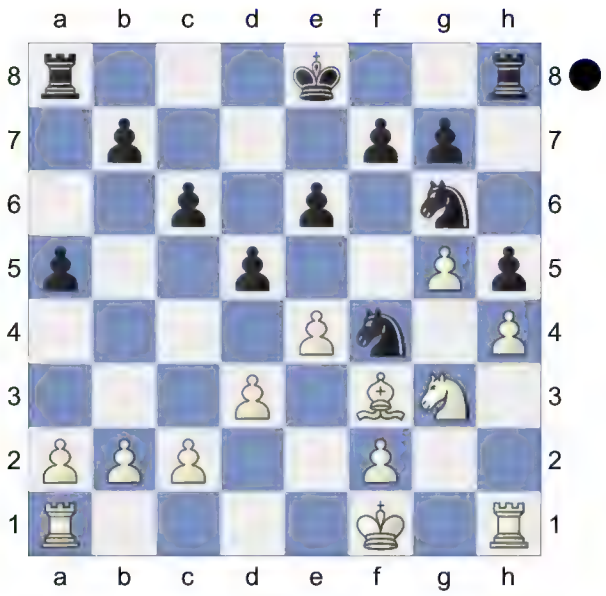
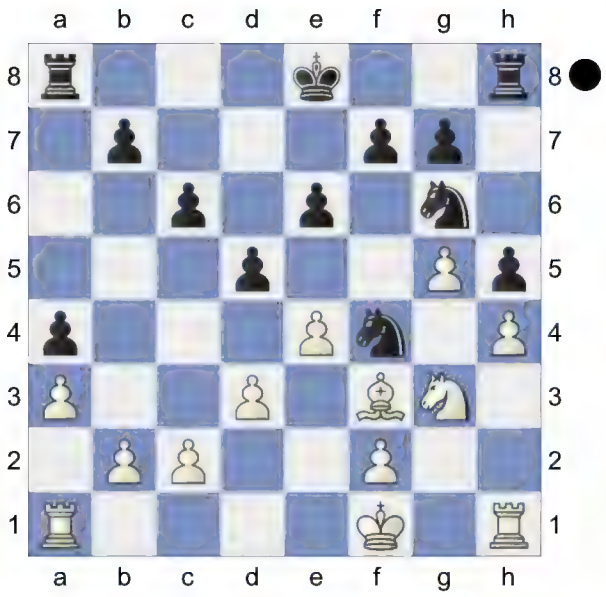
142 **A00**
□ **Vovk,Orest** **2315**
■ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2705**
Titled Tuesday 17. Nov (2) 17.11.2020
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 h5**
[3...e5 4.d4 Nd7 *(4...e4 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7* Grob'S Opening-1 g4 & other rare 1st moves Flank Openings 2019 *)* 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005]
4.g5 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6N -0.02/23
[5...e5∓ -0.48/21 6.d4 e4]
[5...Nd7 6.Nh4 e6 7.Nxf5 exf5 8.d3 Ne7 9.e4 Nc5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 Kf8 13.Nc3 A 00/01-N, N 2000]
6.d3 Bd6 7.Nh4 Ne7 8.Nxf5 -0.82/20
[8.e4= 0.10/20 remains equal. Ng6 9.Nxg6 Bxg6 10.Nc3]
8...Nxf5∓ 9.h4 Qc7 Black is more active. **10.e4 Ne7** -0.35/21
[10...dxe4∓ -0.98/25 11.dxe4 Ne7]
11.Nc3 Nd7 12.Bd2 -0.83/21
[12.d4∓ -0.34/20]
12...Bf4 -0.12/21
[12...Ne5∓ -0.83/21]
13.Bxf4= Qxf4 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Qxf4 -0.48/18
[15.Ne2= -0.12/23 Qxf3 16.Bxf3]
15...Nxf4∓ 16.Kf1 Ne5 0.29/24
[16...Nf8∓ -0.51/20]
17.Ne2 -0.56/11
[17.exd5!= 0.29/24 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Nxg2 *(18...exd5 19.Re1±; 18...Nxd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Re1±)* 19.Kxg2 *(19.Nc7+ Kd7∓)*]
17...Neg6 A dynamic duo of knights.
18.Ng3 -1.12/10
[18.Nxf4∓ -0.70/12 Nxf4 19.a3]
18...a5 -0.72/9
[⌓18...d4 -1.12/10]
19.Bf3 -1.42/9
[⌓19.d4 -0.72/9]



19...a4 -0.74/12
[⌓19...d4! -1.42/9 20.a4 Kd7]
20.a3 -1.50/9
[White should try 20.exd5 -0.74/12 cxd5 21.a3]

(Diagram)



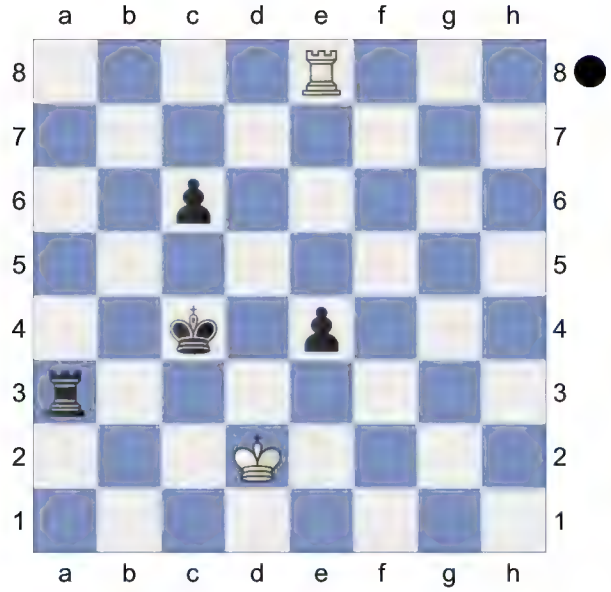
20...Ne5 -1.04/18
[⌓20...d4! -1.50/9 21.Ke1 Ke7]
21.Bd1∓ Ke7 -0.60/11
[Better is 21...0-0-0∓ -0.96/12]
22.Ne2 -1.09/9
[22.exd5!∓ -0.60/11 cxd5 23.Ne2 Nxe2 24.Kxe2]
22...Nxe2 23.Kxe2 dxe4 24.dxe4 Nc4 -0.25/11
[24...Rhd8∓ -1.13/13 Strongly threatening ...Ra5. 25.Rc1 Nc4]
25.Kd3 -0.80/11
[25.Kf3!= -0.25/11]
25...Nxb2+ 26.Kc3 Nxd1+ 27.Rhxd1 Endgame. KRR-KRR **27...Rhd8 28.f4 Ra5** -0.31/13
[Black should play 28...Rd7∓ -0.95/12 29.Rd4 Rxd4 30.Kxd4 Rd8+ 31.Ke3 b5]
29.Rxd8∓ Kxd8 KR-KR **30.Kb4** -1.57/11 Inhibits Rc5.
[30.Rb1!∓ -0.40/12 Kc7 31.g6]
30...Rb5+∓ 31.Kxa4? -3.08/18 Now White is beyond hope.
[31.Kc4∓ -1.48/10 is a better defense.]
31...Rb2 32.Rd1+ Kc7 33.Rd2? -4.88/12
[33.f5 -1.97/10]
33...Kb6-+ 34.Rd8 Kc5 35.Rd7 -5.78/14
[⌓35.f5 -3.88/15 b5+ *(35...Rxc2? 36.Rd7-+)* 36.Ka5 exf5 *(36...Rxc2? 37.Ka6-+)* 37.exf5 Rxc2 38.Rd3]
35...Kb6 White must now prevent ...Ka6.
[35...Rxc2 36.Rxb7 Rh2 37.Rxf7=]
36.Rd8
[36.Rxf7? Ka6 *(36...Rxc2 37.Kb3±; 36...Rxc2 37.Rxg7 Rc4+ 38.Kb3=)*]
36...Rxc2? 37.Kb3 Wards off Rc4
[37.Rf8-+]
37...Rf2 38.Rg8 Rxf4 39.Rxg7 Kc5
[39...Rxe4 40.Rxf7 Rxh4 41.Rh7∓]
40.Rh7 Rxh4 41.Rxf7 Rxe4 42.Rxb7 Rg4 43.Rg7 -5.14/14
[43.Re7 -3.47/7 was worth a try. Rxg5 44.Rxe6]
43...e5 44.g6? -6.43/11
[44.a4 -3.40/12 h4 45.g6]
44...e4 ...h4 is the strong threat.
45.Rg8? -5.16/12
[45.Re7 -2.69/11 was necessary.]
45...h4 46.g7 Rg3+ 47.Kc2 h3
[47...Rxa3? 48.Rh8 Rg3 49.g8Q *(49.g8R Rf3+-)* 49...Rxg8 50.Rxg8+-]
48.Kd2 h2
[48...Rxa3 49.Rh8 Rg3 50.g8Q *(50.g8R Rf3+-)* 50...Rxg8 51.Rxg8+-]
49.Rh8 Rxg7
[49...Rxa3 50.g8Q *(50.g8R Kc4+-)* 50...Kb5 51.Rh5+ *(51.Rxh2 Rd3+ 52.Kc2 Kb4+-)* 51...c5 52.Qe8+ *(52.Rxh2 Rd3+ 53.Kc2 Re3 54.Rh7 Re2+ 55.Kc1 Re1+ 56.Kd2 Rb1)* 52...Kc4 53.Qxe4+ Kb5 54.Qb7+ *(54.Rxh2 Ra2+ 55.Kc3 Rxh2 56.Qb7+ Ka5 57.Qc7+ Kb5 58.Qxh2 Kb6 59.Qd6+ Ka7)* 54...Ka4 55.Qa6+ *(55.Rxh2 c4 56.Rh6 Rd3+*

57.Kc2 Rd5 58.Qxd5 Kb4 59.Rb6+ Ka4 60.Qa8#; 55.Qa7+ Kb3 56.Qb6+ Ka2 57.Kc2 Rc3+ 58.Kxc3 Ka3 59.Qb3#) 55...Kb3 56.Rh3+ Kb4 57.Rxa3 h1Q 58.Qa4#]

50.Rxh2 Rg3 51.Rh8 -9.85/11

[⌓51.a4 -4.82/9 Ra3 52.Rh8]

51...Rxa3 Hoping for ...Kd4. **52.Re8 Kd4 53.Rd8+ Kc4 54.Re8**



e3+! 55.Ke2

[55.Kc2 Kd4]

55...c5 56.Re4+ Kd5 57.Re8 Kd4 58.Rd8+ Kc4 59.Rc8 Rc3 60.Rc7 Kb3 61.Rb7+ Kc4 aiming for ...Rb3. **62.Rc7 Rb3 63.Rc8 Kb4** Threatens to win with ...c4. **64.Rb8+ Kc3 65.Rc8 c4 66.Kxe3 Kb2+ 67.Kd4 c3** (→ ...c2) **68.Rh8 c2** Black mates. **69.Rh2 Kb1 70.Rh3 Rxh3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.18 (very precise) . Mistake: White=16 Black=9 Inaccurate: White=2 --- OK: White=12 Black=15 Best: White=2 Black=8

[Inferior is 70...c1B 71.Rxb3+ Kc2 72.Kc4=]

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143 **A00**

□ **langsam1967** **2313**

■ **matrix12345** **2679**

Blitz 16.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A00: Irregular Openings

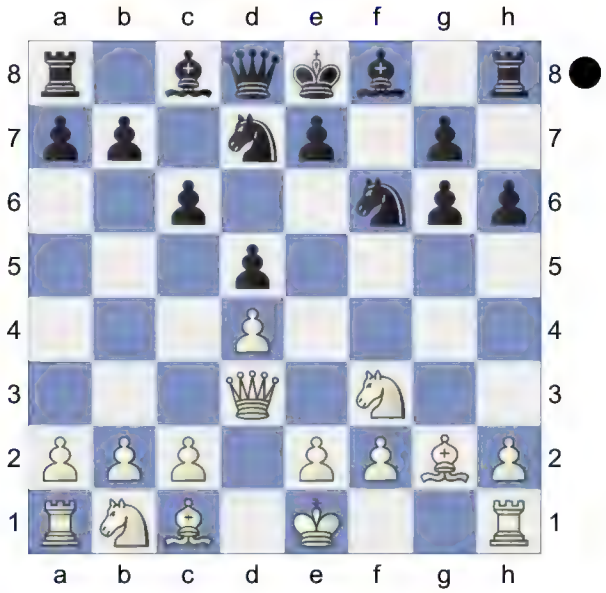
A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5 h6 4.g6N**

[4.h4 hxg5 5.hxg5 Rxh1 6.Bxh1 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Ne5 Bh5 10.Qd2 Nd7 11.f4 e6 12.c4 Ne7 13.Nc3 a6 14.e4 Nxe5 15.fxe5 dxc4 16.Qf2 b5 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Kf1 0-0-0 1-0 (55) Bordi,K (2542)-Dobrov, V (2515) Chess.com INT blitz 2017 (7)]

4...fxg6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Nf3 Nbd7? 0.42/23

[6...Bf5∓ -1.42/19 7.c4 e6 *(7...dxc4 8.0-0∓)*]

7.Qd3



Kf7 8.Nh4 White is slightly better. **8...e5 9.Qxg6+** -0.01/19

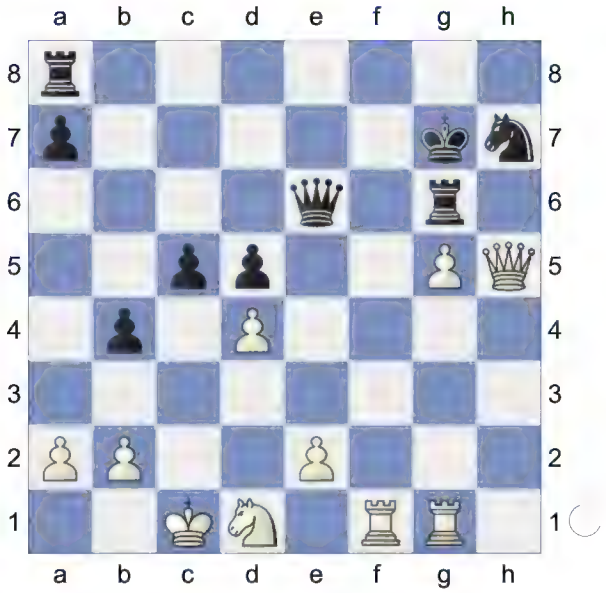
[9.Nxg6± 0.68/25 Rg8 10.Nxe5+ *(10.dxe5 Nc5∓)* 10...Nxe5 11.dxe5]

9...Kg8= 10.Nf5 -0.51/23

[10.Bh3= -0.01/22 Bb4+ 11.c3]

10...Qe8 11.Qg3 -2.25/20

[11.Qxe8∓ -0.40/22 Nxe8 12.Nd2]
11...h5? -0.14/22
[11...g6-+ -2.25/20 12.Rg1 Nh5]
12.h4 -0.84/24
[12.Rg1!= -0.14/22 h4 13.Nxh4]
12...Kh7∓ 13.Bh3 -2.00/23
[13.Bg5∓ -0.82/22]
13...g6-+ 14.Rg1 -3.01/24
[⌓14.Qe3 -1.74/24]
14...Rg8
[14...gxf5 15.Bxf5+]
15.dxe5 Qxe5
[15...gxf5 16.Bxf5+ Kh8 17.Bg5∓]
16.f4 -3.55/21
[16.Ne3 -2.39/19]
16...Qe8 17.Nd4 Ne4 Prevents Nc3
18.Qf3 Ndf6 -2.09/21
[⌓18...Be7 -4.10/19 19.Kd1 Bxh4]
19.f5 Bc5 20.c3 -2.65/24
[⌓20.Be3 -1.94/22]
20...Bxd4 21.cxd4 gxf5 22.Bxf5+ -2.27/27
[22.Rxg8∓ -1.40/24 Qxg8 *(22...Kxg8 23.Bf4∓)* 23.Be3]
22...Kh8? -0.17/24
[22...Bxf5-+ -2.27/27 23.Qxf5+ Kh8 24.Rxg8+ Remove Defender Qxg8]
23.Bg5? -2.95/25
[23.Rxg8+= -0.17/24 Qxg8 24.Bxe4 Qg1+ 25.Kd2 Nxe4+ 26.Kc2]
23...Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Rg6 0.47/24
[24...Ng4-+ -2.92/24 25.Rxg4 hxg4 *(25...Rf8 26.Rxe4 Rxf5 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Nc3+-)* 26.Qxg4 Qe7]
25.Nc3 -0.01/24
[25.Nd2!± 0.47/24]
25...Nxg5
[25...Kg7 keeps more tension. 26.Nxe4 Nxe4 27.0-0-0 Nxg5 28.Rxg5 Qe3+]
26.hxg5 Nh7 27.0-0-0 Qe6 28.Qf3
[28.Qxe6 simplifies Rxe6 29.Rh1 Rg8 30.Rxh5 Rxg5 31.Rh4]
28...Kg7? 1.85/20
[28...Rxg5= 0.09/22 29.Rxg5 Qh6 Pin]
29.Qxh5+- b5? 4.41/22
[29...Nxg5± 1.54/20 30.Rh1 Rg8]
30.Rdf1? 1.47/20
[30.Rd3+- 4.41/22 has better winning chances.]
30...b4? 4.02/23
[30...Rf8± 1.47/20]
31.Nd1 c5? 5.27/20
[31...Rf8 3.12/21 is a better defense. 32.Rxf8 Nxf8]



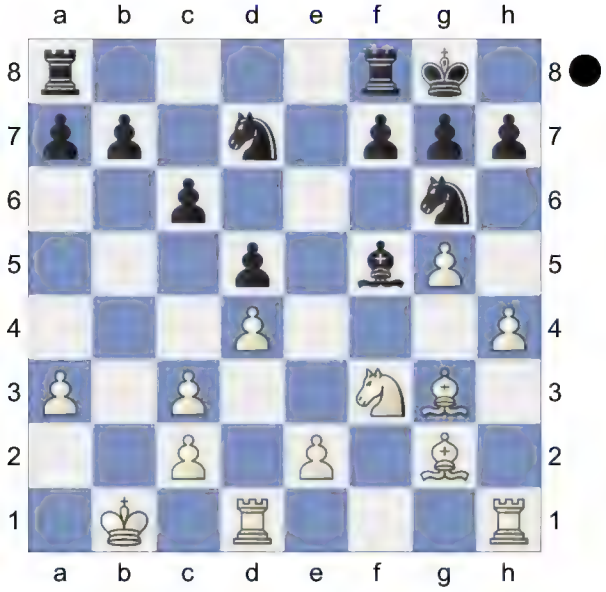
32.Rf6? -0.32/21 **Nxf6∓ 33.gxf6+ Qxf6 34.Rxg6+ Qxg6 35.Qxd5** Endgame KQR-KQN **35...Re8 36.Qd7+** -1.27/21
[36.e3= -0.04/22]
36...Qf7 -0.57/22
[36...Kh6∓ -1.27/21 and ...cxd4 would now be decisive 37.dxc5 Rxe2 38.Qh3+ Qh5]
37.Qg4+ Kf8! 38.dxc5 Qd5 0.10/21
[Better is 38...a5∓ -0.55/22]
39.Qxb4 Qc6? 3.89/21
[39...Rxe2= 0.07/19 and Black has nothing to worry. 40.c6+ Re7]
40.Nc3+- Rc8? 6.07/19

[40...Kf7 3.41/18 41.Qd4 Qf6 42.Qd5+ Kg7 43.Qd7+ Kf8]
41.Qf4+ Ke7 42.Qe5+ Kf7 6.39/21
[⌓42...Qe6 4.33/22 43.Nd5+ Kd7 44.Qg7+ Skewer Ke8 45.Qh8+ *(45.Nc7+ Rxc7 46.Qxc7 Qc4+ 47.Kd2 Qd4+ 48.Kc2 Qc4+ 49.Kd1 Qd4+ 50.Kc2 Qc4+ 51.Kd2 Qd4+ 52.Kc1 Qc4+ 53.Kd1 Qd4+ 54.Kc1 Qc4+=)* 45...Kd7]
43.Ne4 and Nd6+ would now be decisive
43...Rc7 44.b4 Re7 45.Nd6+ Kf8
Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=1.38
46.Qh8#
1-0

144 **A00**
□ **Lin,D** **2307**
■ **Dicen,Elis Denele** **2129**
Titled Tue 25th Mar Late blitz (2) 25.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

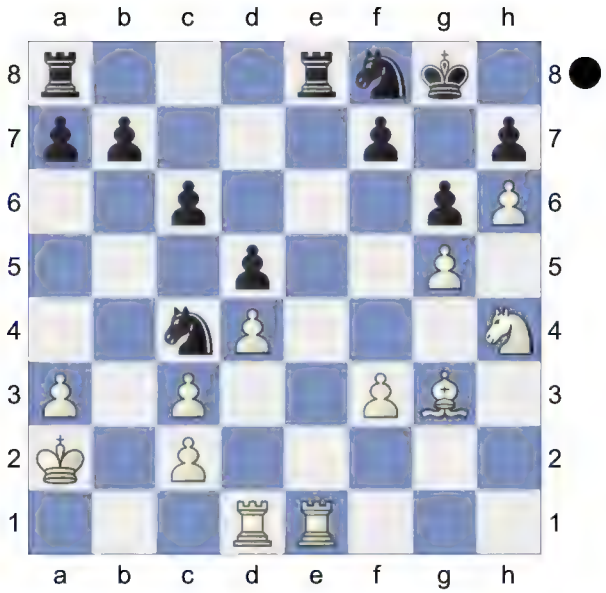
A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.d4
[3.c4 dxc4 4.Qc2 c6 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Nd7 7.Nf3 Bxg4 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qxe5+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.d3 Kd7 13.Rg1 Rhe8 14.Bh1 g6 15.Bg5 h5 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.d4 a5 1-0 (71) Schein,K-Burk,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1)]
3...e4 4.g5N
[4.h3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.c4 Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxe4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 h5 11.g5 Be6 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.Rd1 b5 16.a3 Ba7 17.Be1 0-0 18.g6 fxg6 1-0 (70) 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2240)-C22 Ne2 CSSR 5/394 1968 (4) 19.Ng5 Bc8 20.Nd5 Qe5 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Rxd8 Nxd8 23.h4 Bb7 24.Bb4 Bc5 25.Bxg6 Qxe3 26.Bh7+ Kh8 27.Qxe3 Bxe3 28.Bxf8 Bxg5 29.Rg1 Bf6 30.Bf5 Bxb2 31.Ke2 Bf6 32.a4 Nc6 33.Kd1 Nd4 1-0 (70) Tuturin,S (2240)-Sukhareva,O RUS-Cup02 Moscow 1998 (4)]
[4.c4 Bxg4 5.Qb3 Nc6 6.cxd5 Bb4+ 7.Kf1 Nxd4 8.Qxb4 Qxd5 9.Nc3 Qd7 10.Be3 0-0-0 11.Bxe4 Nc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Qf8+ Kd7 16.Qxg7 Bh3+ 17.Ke1 Qf6 18.Qxf6 Nxf6 1-0 (19) Godefroy,P-8.000 ♘xd4 9. ♕xd4 a6 10.f Wiesbaden 1988]
4...Be7 5.h4 c6 -0.29/21
[5...h6∓ -0.80/20 6.c4 hxg5]
6.f3 -0.76/21
[6.c4= -0.29/21]
6...exf3 -0.16/20
[6...h6!∓ -0.76/21 7.Nh3 exf3 8.exf3 Bf5]
7.Nxf3= Be6 0.33/22
[7...Bd6= -0.10/19]
8.Nc3± White is slightly better. **8...Nd7 9.Bf4 Bb4 10.Qd3! Ne7 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1**
[12.a3 simplifies Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.bxc3 h6 15.gxh6 gxh6 16.Rdf1]
12...Bf5 1.03/22
[12...Bxc3= 0.21/20 remains equal. 13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.bxc3 Nb6]
13.Qe3 0.01/22
[White has to play 13.e4± 1.03/22 Be6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.b3]
13...0-0 14.a3 -0.55/21
[14.Nd2= 0.06/21]
14...Bxc3∓
[14...Bxa3 feels hotter. 15.bxa3 Rae8

16.h5 Qxa3 17.Qd2 Nb6]
15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Ng6 -0.21/21
[16...f6∓ -0.69/22]
17.Bg3 -1.40/22
[17.Bc1= -0.21/21]



17...Rfe8!↑ White is under strong pressure. **18.h5 Ngf8** -0.95/21
[Better is 18...Rxe2 -1.48/23 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Nxd2 Ngf8]
19.Nh4 Bg4 20.Bf3 Bxf3 21.exf3 Nb6 0.01/22
[21...g6!∓ -0.63/21]
22.Rhe1? -1.90/22
[22.Be5= 0.01/22]
22...Nc4 -1.13/22
[22...Na4-+ -1.90/22 23.Rd3 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Re8]
23.Ka2 g6 Repels Nf5 **24.h6** -1.49/21
[White should try 24.f4 -1.01/22]

(Diagram)



24...Ne6 -0.43/22
[24...Nd7!∓ -1.49/21 And now ...f6 would win. 25.Bc7 f6 26.gxf6 Kf7 *(26...Nxf6 27.Be5∓)*]
25.f4!∓ Against f6 **25...Nc7** Excellent horsemanship. **26.a4** Prevents Nb5
26...Re6? 5.49/25
[26...Rxe1∓ -0.57/23 keeps the upper hand. 27.Rxe1 Re8]
27.f5+- Discovered Attack **27...Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Re8 29.Rb1** Rxb7! is the strong threat. **29...Na8 30.Rxb7 Ne3 31.fxg6 hxg6 32.Nf3** 9.48/20
[⌓32.Be5 20.50/24 Rc8 33.Nxg6 *(33.Rxa7 Nb6+-)*]
32...Nxc2 33.Ne5 Nb6 34.Bf2 9.55/23
[⌓34.Rxf7 #10/24 Rxe5 35.Rg7+ *(35.Rxa7 Rxg5 36.h7+ Kh8+-)* 35...Kh8 36.Bxe5 *(36.dxe5 c5 37.e6 Nb4+ 38.cxb4 cxb4 39.e7 b3+ 40.Kxb3 Nd7 41.e8Q+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Nf8 42.Qxf8#)* 36...Nc4 37.Bf6 *(37.Rxa7+ Nxe5 38.dxe5 Ne3 39.e6 Nf5 40.e7 Nd6 41.Ra8+ Kh7)* 37...Nb4+ 38.cxb4 Ne3 39.Rxa7+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kg8 40.h7+ Kf8 41.h8Q#]
34...Nxa4 35.Kb3 4.11/24

[Not 35.Nxc6 Nxc3+ 36.Kb3 Ne4±]
[35.Nxf7 Re2+-]
[⌓35.Rxf7 31.56/25 h7+ would kill now. Rxe5 36.Rg7+ *(36.Rxa7 Rxg5 37.Rg7+ Kh8∓)* 36...Kf8 37.dxe5 Nxc3+ 38.Kb3]

35...Nb6 32.41/28
[⌓35...Nc5+ 4.11/24 36.dxc5 *(36.Kxc2?* is the wrong capture. *Nxb7 37.Bg3 Na5-+)* 36...Rxe5]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=1.22

36.Kxc2

1-0

145 **A00**
□ **Lin,D** **2307**
■ **Gutierrez Olivares,D** **2354**
Titled Tue 25th Mar Late blitz (4) 25.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c5
[2...c6 3.c4 *(3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.Nc3 hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5* 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)) 3...dxc4 4.Na3 Bxg4 5.Nxc4 Be6 6.b3 Nf6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nf3 g6 9.Ng5 Bd5 10.e4 Bxc4 11.bxc4 e5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.d4 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.e5 Nh5 16.f4 Nc5 17.Qg4 1-0 (49) Beerdsen,T (2494)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2591) Titled Tue 14. Jun Early 2022 (3)]

3.g5 Nc6N
[3...e5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Be6 6.h4 f6 7.e4 d4 8.Nce2 Qd7 9.f4 Bg4 10.f5 g6 11.Bh3 gxf5 12.Bxg4 fxg4 13.Ng3 h5 14.gxh6 Bxh6 15.N1e2 Bxc1 16.Nxc1 Nce7 17.Nb3 b6 18.Qe2 1-0 (34) Grob,H-Wampfler,W FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1966]

4.d3 e6 5.h4 Nge7 6.Nc3 Nf5 0.01/19
[6...h6∓ -0.84/19]

7.e4= dxe4 8.Nxe4 -0.61/19
[Better is 8.dxe4= -0.03/19 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1]

8...Be7 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Bf4 -0.71/20
[10.N4g3= -0.26/20]

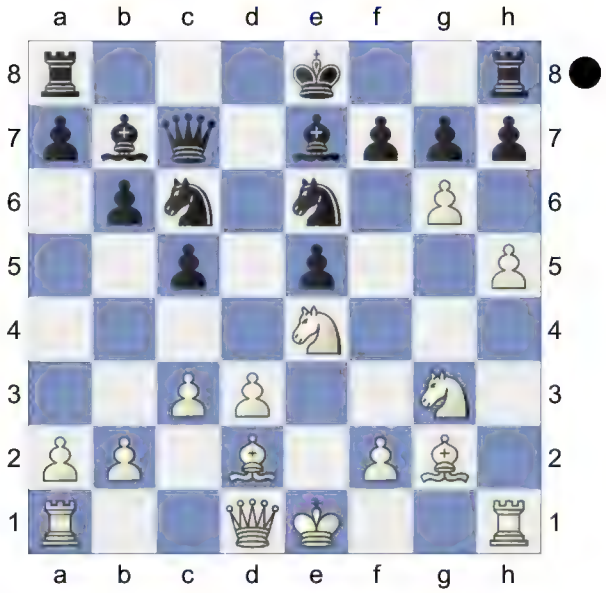
10...e5∓ 11.Bd2 b6 0.51/21
[11...Be6∓ -0.97/19]

12.N2g3± Nfd4 0.95/20
[12...Nxg3± 0.56/20 13.Nxg3 Bd7]

13.c3 Ne6 14.h5? -0.56/22
[14.Nh5± 1.12/20]

14...Bb7 -0.01/21
[14...Nf4∓ -0.56/22 15.Bxf4 exf4]

15.g6

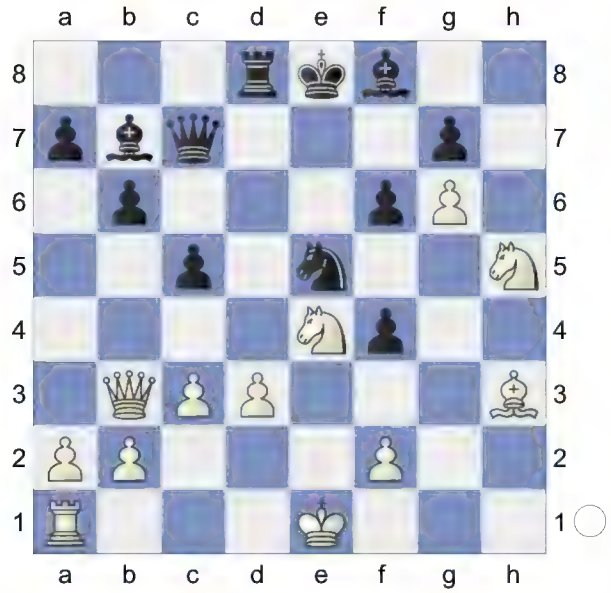


hxg6 0.03/20
[15...0-0-0!∓ -0.36/22 is superior.]

16.hxg6= Rxh1+ 17.Bxh1 Threatens to win with gxf7+. **17...f6** 1.31/22
[17...fxg6= -0.01/19 remains equal. 18.Qg4 Kf7]

18.Bg2 0.80/19 White is more active.

[⌓18.Bf3 1.31/22]
18...Rd8? 4.19/20
[18...Nf4± 0.80/19 19.Bxf4 exf4]
19.Bh3+- Nf4 7.36/23
[19...Bc8 3.73/18 20.Nh5 *(20.Qh5 Nf8+-)* 20...Bf8]
20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Nh5 0.67/24
[White has to play 21.Nf5+- 7.32/24 Bf8 22.Qh5 Rxd3 23.Qh8]
21...Bf8 3.38/21
[Black should try 21...Kf8± 0.67/24]
22.Qb3? 1.32/25
[22.Qe2+- 3.38/21 is more deadly. Ne5 23.Nxf4]
22...Ne5? #3/8
[22...Rxd3± 1.32/25 23.Nxf4 Ne5 *(23...Qxf4 24.Qf7+* Deflection, Double Attack *Kd8 25.Qxf8+ Kc7 26.Qxg7+ Kb8 27.Bg2±)* 24.Qe6+ Qe7]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=1.31
23.Qe6+
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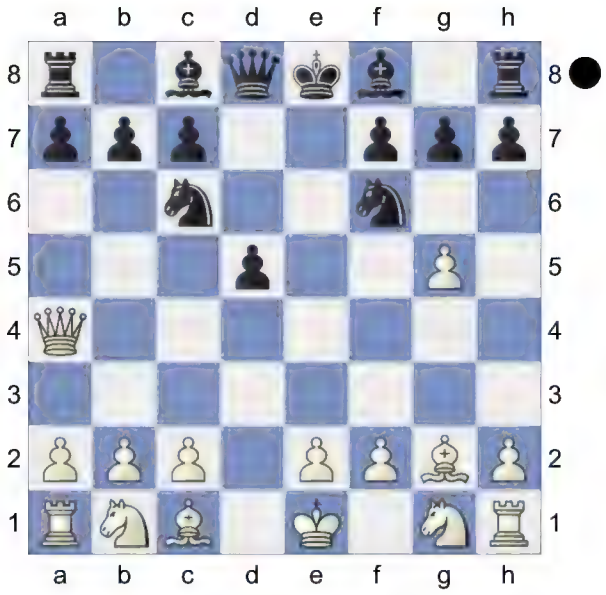
146 **A00**
□ **Lin,D** **2307**
■ **Jegorovas,A** **2270**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (1) 18.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

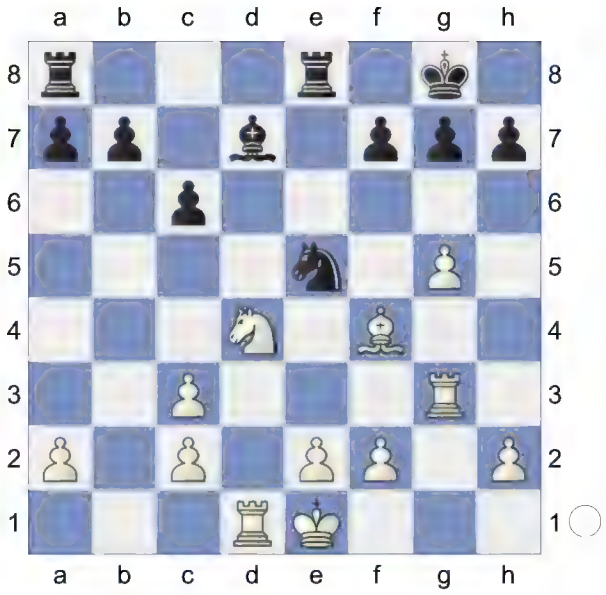
A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.d4
[3.c4 dxc4 4.Qc2 c6 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Nd7 7.Nf3 Bxg4 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qxe5+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.d3 Kd7 13.Rg1 Rhe8 14.Bh1 g6 15.Bg5 h5 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.d4 a5 1-0 (71) Schein,K-Burk,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1)]
3...exd4
[3...e4 4.h3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.c4 Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxe4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 h5 11.g5 Be6 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.Rd1 b5 16.a3 Ba7 17.Be1 0-0 18.g6 1-0 (70) 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2240)-C22 Ne2 CSSR 5/394 1968 (4)]
4.Qxd4 Nf6N
[4...Be6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bc5 *(6...Nf6 7.Ne5 Bd6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qxc6+ Bd7 10.Qc3 Bxg4 11.Bxd5 0-0 12.Bxa8 Qxa8 13.f3 Re8* 4. Other first move openings-Grob's Opening 2 *)* 7.c4 Nge7 8.Ng5 0-0 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 Ng6 Various First Moves 26 A Grandmaster Guide: The Reti, King's I]
5.g5 Nc6! 6.Qa4

(Diagram)



Ne4 7.Bxe4 dxe4 8.Nc3 -1.50/21
[8.Qxe4+∓ -0.43/20 Be7 9.Nc3]
8...Bd7? 0.12/20
[Black should try 8...Bb4∓ -1.50/21 9.Bd2 0-0]
9.Qxe4+= Be7 0.67/22
[9...Qe7= 0.13/22]
10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be3 Bh3 12.Rd1 0.15/22
[12.Nd5± 0.60/23 feels stronger.]
12...Qe8 0.53/23
[12...Qc8!= 0.15/22]
13.Rg1± Bb4 14.Qxe8 Bxc3+ 1.08/23
[14...Rfxe8± 0.58/20 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 g6]
15.bxc3± Rfxe8 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.Bf4 c6 18.Rg3 Bd7
[18...Ng6 19.Bd6 Bd7 20.c4±]

(Diagram)

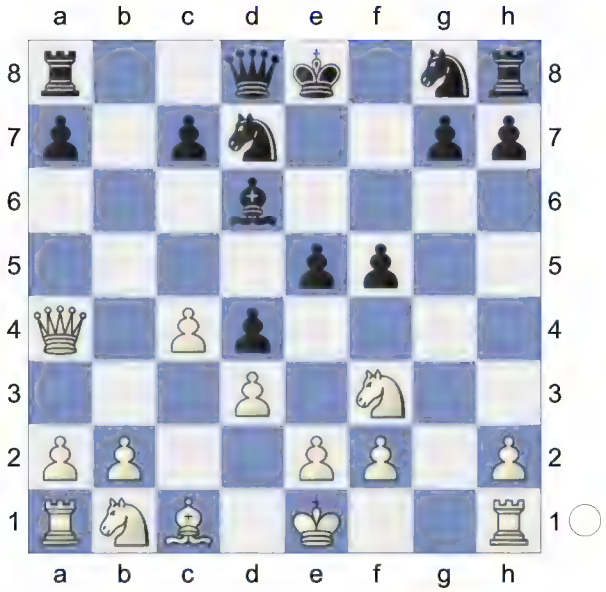


19.Nb5 0.76/23 **cxb5 20.Bxe5 Bf5 21.f4 Bxc2 22.Rd7 Be4 23.h4** 0.35/24
[23.Rd4± 0.83/24 Bb1 24.a3]
23...Bc6 0.80/23
[23...Red8± 0.35/24 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8]
24.Rc7 White is much more active.
24...Rac8 25.Rxc8 Rxc8± Endgame KRB-KRB **26.Rd3** 0.14/25
[26.h5± 0.60/22]
26...Kf8 27.h5 Re8 28.Kd2 Re6 29.Rd8+ Re8 30.Rd4 Re6 31.Kd3 f6 32.Bd6+ Kf7! 33.f5 A mistake that costs the game. **33...Re8?** 2.68/28
[33...Be4+!= 0.01/26 and Black stays safe. 34.Rxe4 Rxd6+ 35.Rd4 Rxd4+ 36.cxd4 fxg5]
34.g6++- hxg6 35.hxg6+
[Inferior is 35.fxg6+ Ke6=]
35...Kg8 36.e4 Rd8 37.Ke3 Rd7? 5.84/29
[37...a6 3.58/26 is a better defense. 38.Be7 Discovered Attack Re8]
38.Kf4 2.85/27
[⌓38.Bb4 5.84/29 b6 39.Kf4]
38...Rd8? 5.65/28
[38...a5 2.85/27 39.Ke3 b4]
39.Bc5 Discovered Attack **39...Rxd4 40.cxd4** KB-KB **40...b6 41.Bd6 a6**

42.Bc7 a5 43.Bxb6 a4 44.Bc5 White mates. **44...Bb7 45.a3 Bc6 46.d5 Bb7 47.Ke3 Bc6 48.Kd4 Bb7 49.Kc3 Bc8 50.Kb4 Bd7 51.Ka5 Be8 52.Kb6 Bd7 53.Bb4 Be8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.55
54.Kc7
1-0

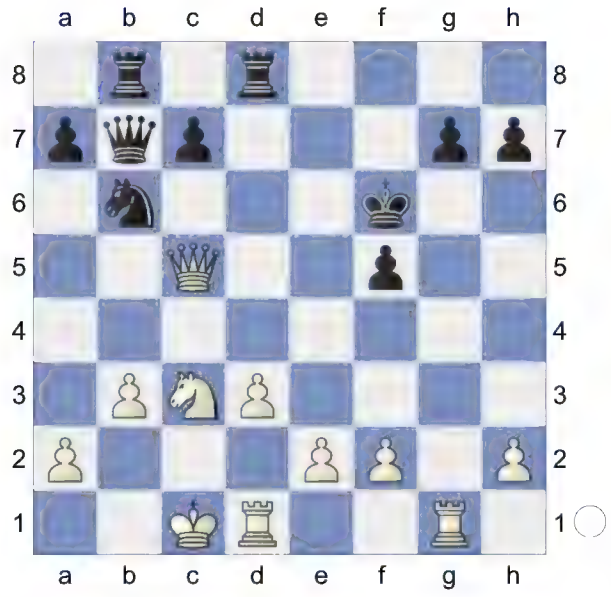
147 **A00**
□ **Lin,D** **2307**
■ **Kocharin,Timur** **2266**
Titled Tue 25th Mar Late blitz (7) 25.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 d4
[3...c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]
[3...Nf6 4.cxd5 c6 5.h3 Bh5 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf3 Bg6 9.Qa4 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Qa5 15.Rg1 Rab8 16.Rc1 Rb4 17.Qxc6 Qh5 18.Nd1 1-0 (55) RaspFish (3016)-InanisBot (2547) Rapid 2024]
4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bf3N
[5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5 7.d3 f5 8.Qa4 Bh5 9.Na3 c6 10.Bd2 Ngf6 11.0-0-0 Be7 12.Bb4 c5 13.Ba5 0-0 14.Nh3 e4 15.Nf4 Bf7 16.fxe4 fxe4 17.Rhg1 Ne5 18.Bc7 Ng6 19.Qa6 Kh8 0-1 (41) Saminskij,J (2569)-Ferrer Sanchez,P (2738) C1-2001-0-00349 (6.34) 20.Nb5 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Bh5 22.Qe6 Qd8 23.Nxa7 Re8 24.Nc6 Qb6 25.Nxd4 Qa5 26.Rxg7 Bd8 27.Re7 Bxe7 28.Nc6 Qxa2 29.Be5 Qa1+ 30.Kd2 e3+ 31.Ke1 Qa8 32.b4 Rg8 33.Bxf6+ Bxf6 34.Qxf6+ Rg7 0-1 (41) Gareyev,T (2569)-Duda,J (2738) World Rapid 2018 (6.34)]
5...Bxf3 6.Nxf3 e5 -0.61/20
[6...c5∓ -0.97/20]
7.d3 f5 -0.42/20
[7...Bb4+∓ -0.89/18 8.Nbd2 Ngf6]
8.Qa4 Black is slightly better. **8...Bd6** 0.06/20
[8...Qf6!∓ -0.63/19]



9.c5!= Deflection **9...Bxc5** Threatens to win with ...Qe7. **10.Nxe5 Ngf6** 0.87/20
[10...Qe7!± 0.34/21 11.Bf4 Ngf6]
11.Bg5 Be7 1.49/19
[Black should play 11...Qe7 0.81/22 12.Bxf6 gxf6]
12.Nc6→ White wants a kill. White is much more active.
[12.Qxd4?! Nxe5 13.Qxe5 0-0±]
12...Qc8 13.Nxe7
[13.Nxd4?! 0-0±]
[13.Qxd4 Qb7 14.Qa4 Nc5 15.Na5+ Nxa4=]

13...Kxe7 14.Qxd4 This costs Black the game. **14...Qb7** 2.49/19
[14...c5± 1.17/19 might work better. 15.Qe3+ Kf7]
15.Rg1+- Kf7 16.Nc3 Rhd8 17.Qc4+ Kf8 18.0-0-0 Rab8 19.b3 Bf4 is the strong threat. **19...Nb6?** 8.77/23
[19...Qb4 3.10/20 20.Kb2 *(20.Qxc7? too greedy. Rdc8-+; 20.Qxb4+ Rxb4 21.Kc2 Kf7+-)* 20...Qd6]
20.Qc5+ Kf7 21.Bxf6 Intending Qe7+ and mate. **21...Kxf6**

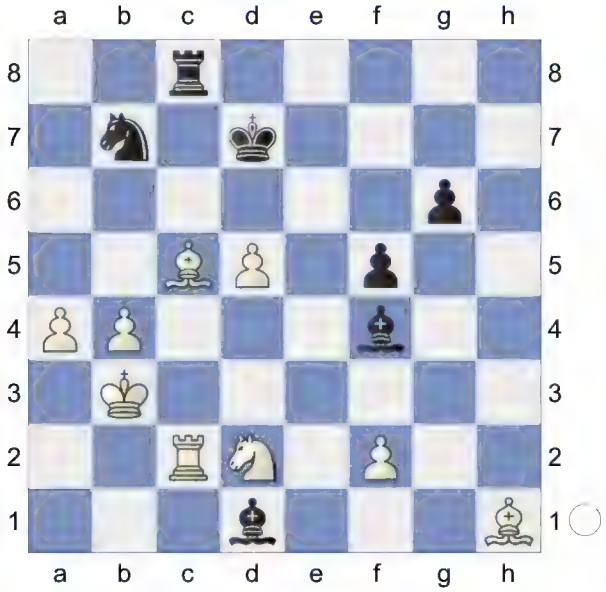


22.Rxg7! Decoy **22...Kxg7**
[22...Rd6 23.Rxc7]
23.Qe7+ Kh6 24.Qf6+ 35.70/5
[⌓24.Rg1 #3/10 Qg2 25.Rxg2 Rh8 26.Qh4#]
24...Kh5 25.Rg1 White mates. **25...Rg8 26.Qxf5+ Kh4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.94
27.Qxh7#
1-0

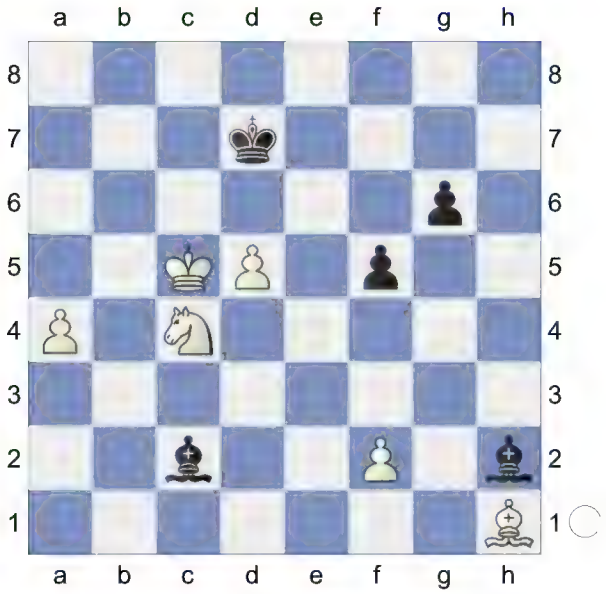
148 **A00**
□ **Lin,D** **2307**
■ **Poupalos,Nikolaos** **2222**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5 h6 4.h4 hxg5 5.hxg5 Rxh1 6.Bxh1 g6** -0.25/18
[6...e5∓ -1.20/19 7.d3 Ne7]
7.d4 Bg7 8.Nc3N Black has an edge.
[8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Ne5 Bh5 10.Qd2 Nd7 11.f4 e6 12.c4 Ne7 13.Nc3 a6 14.e4 Nxe5 15.fxe5 dxc4 16.Qf2 b5 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Kf1 0-0-0 19.Kg1 Rf8 20.d5 Qd8 21.d6 Bxe5 22.dxe7 Qxe7 1-0 (55) Bordi,K (2542)-Dobrov,V (2515) Chess.com INT blitz 2017 (7)]
8...e5 0.31/20
[Black should try 8...Qb6∓ -0.48/19]
9.dxe5± Bxe5 10.e4 -0.23/21
[10.Nf3± 0.33/23 Bg7 11.Be3]
10...Qe7 11.Nge2 -0.46/21
[11.Be3= -0.08/20 should be considered.]
11...Bg4 0.32/20
[11...dxe4∓ -0.46/21 12.Nxe4 Bg4]
12.exd5 Na6! 13.dxc6 0.11/20
[13.Be3± 0.47/19]
13...Rd8? 2.22/21
[13...Bxc3+= 0.11/20 14.bxc3 Rd8]
14.Nd5+- Qd6 5.30/20
[14...Qc5 1.77/20]
15.cxb7
[15.f4 bxc6 16.fxe5 Qxe5±]
15...Nb4 6.21/22
[⌓15...Kf8 4.39/17 16.Rb1 Qc6]
16.c4 Nxd5 17.cxd5
[17.Qxd5 Qb4+ 18.Bd2 Qxb2 19.Qb5+ *(19.Qc6+? Bd7-+)* 19...Qxb5 20.cxb5 Bxa1+-]

17...Qb4+ 18.Bd2 Qxb7 19.Qa4+ Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Kxd7 21.Nc3 1.65/21
[⌓21.Rc1 3.12/20]
21...Re8? 3.24/21
[21...Ne7 1.65/21 22.Be3 Rh8]
22.Be3 Ne7 23.Kd2
[23.Bxa7 Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Bxc3+ 25.Kf1 Bxb2∓]
23...Nf5 24.Bxa7 Bf4+? 4.72/22
[24...Nd6 2.81/21 25.a4 Nc4+ 26.Kc2 Rc8]
25.Kc2 Nd6 26.b4 Bxg5 27.a4 Bf6 28.Rc1 2.54/24
[⌓28.Bc5 5.15/22 Rc8 29.Rc1]
28...Rc8? 5.28/23
[28...Ra8 2.54/24 might work better.]
29.Bc5 Nb7 30.Ne4 Be5 31.Kb3 f5 32.Nd2 1.02/23
[32.f3+- 5.61/23 has better winning chances.]
32...Bf4± 33.Rc2 -5.71/24
[33.f3± 1.07/25]
33...Bd1-+



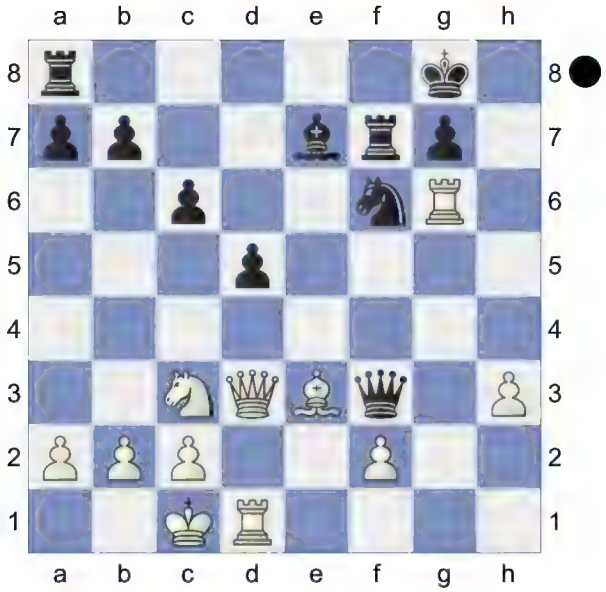
Pin **34.Nc4 Nxc5+**
[34...Bxc2+ 35.Kxc2 Rh8 36.Bf3=]
35.bxc5 Nb6+ would now be deadly.
35...Rxc5? 0.16/26
[35...Bxc2+ 36.Kxc2 Rxc5 37.Kd3-+]
[35...Rh8-+ -4.75/23 36.c6+ Kc7]
36.Kb4= Bxc2 This pair of bishops is nice.
[36...Rxd5? 37.Nb6+ Ke8 38.Nxd5+-]
37.Kxc5 Endgame KBB-KBN. White is a pawn up. **37...Bh2** 1.72/24
[37...Bd3= 0.30/25 and Black has nothing to worry.]



38.a5!+- Kc7? 8.21/25
[38...Bg1± 1.16/24]
39.d6+ Kb8 40.Nb6? 0.15/23
[White should try 40.d7+- 7.25/23 Kc7 41.a6 *(41.Bc6 Bg1±)*]
40...Bg1= 41.Kc6 Intending d7 and mate. **41...Bxf2 42.d7 Be4+?** #8/18
[42...Bh4= 0.01/25]
43.Bxe4 Bh4 44.Bd5 Bd8 45.a6 g5 46.Nc8 g4 47.a7+ Ka8 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.80
48.Kb5#
1-0

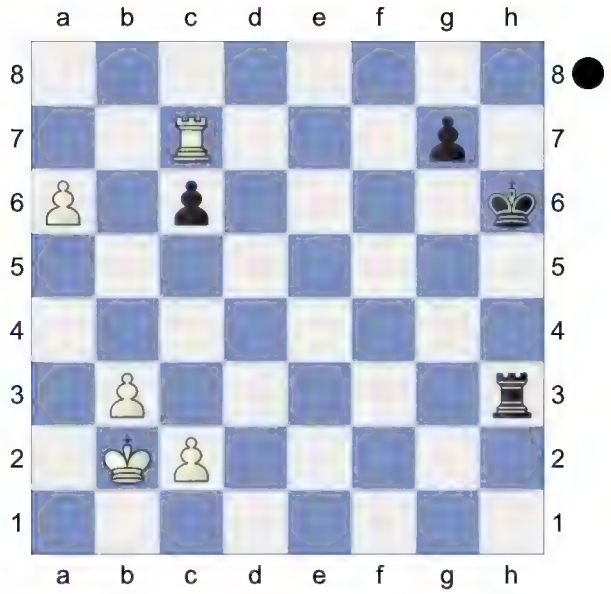
149 **A00**
□ **Lin,D** **2307**
■ **Sargsyan,Anna M.** **2357**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (6) 18.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.d4 exd4
[2...e4 3.c4 c6 4.d5 Qh4 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.g5 Bc5 7.gxf6 e3 8.Nh3 d6 9.Qd3 Bxh3 10.Bxe3 Bb4 11.fxg7 Rg8 12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Rg1 Nd7 14.0-0-0 Ne5 15.Qe4 f5 16.Qf4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 1-0 (48) Caruana,F (2776)-Leiva,G (2387) Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz 2025 (9)]
3.Qxd4N
[3.c3 dxc3 4.Qb3 cxb2 5.Bxb2 h5 6.g5 Qxg5 7.Nf3 Qf4 8.Nbd2 Nc6 9.Rc1 b6 10.Rc4 Qh6 11.Rg1 Nf6 12.Ng5 Na5 13.Re4+ Nxe4 14.Qxf7+ Kd8 15.Ngxe4 Qc6 16.Rxg7 Ba6 17.Rh7 Bc4 0-1 (38) Almaryami,M-Naglis,B 8/276 Dresden 1969 18.Nxc4 Bb4+ 19.Kd1 Rf8 20.Rh8 Rxh8 21.Ne5 Qa4+ 22.Kc1 Re8 23.Bg2 Ba3 24.Qf6+ Kc8 25.f4 Bxb2+ 26.Kxb2 Nc4+ 27.Kc3 Nxe5 28.fxe5 Qa3+ 29.Kd2 Qxa2+ 30.Ke3 Qe6 31.Kd4 c5+ 32.Kd3 Qxf6 0-1 (38) Poder,W-Eidus, N Eesti Male corr 1936]
3...Nc6 4.Qe4+ Be7 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.Qa4 h6 -0.48/22
[6...d5∓ -1.27/22 7.Nc3 Bb4 *(7...Nxg4 8.Nxd5 Bh4 9.Nh3=)*]
7.h3 -1.06/22
[7.h4∓ -0.48/22]
7...0-0∓ 8.Nc3 Black is better. **8...d6?** 0.45/22
[8...d5∓ -1.17/22 White must now prevent ...Bd7. 9.g5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 d4]
9.g5!± hxg5 10.Bxg5 Bd7 11.Qh4 Ne5 12.Be4
[12.Bxb7 Qb8 *(12...Rb8 13.Be4±)* 13.Bxa8 Qxb2∓]
12...Ng6 Against Bxf6 **13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Nf3 Bc6 15.0-0-0 Qc8** 0.49/24
[15...Bxf3= 0.02/23 16.exf3 c6]
16.Rhg1 Bxf3 17.exf3 Qf5 0.85/23
[17...c6± 0.41/21]
18.Qc4+ 0.46/20
[18.Qb4± 0.85/23]
18...Rf7 19.Be3
[19.Qxc7? Nd5 *(19...Qxf3 20.Be3±; 19...Ne8 20.Qxe7 Rxe7 21.Bxe7∓)* 20.Rxd5 Bxg5+ *(20...Qxh3? 21.Bxe7 Qh2 22.Rdd1+-)* 21.Kb1 Rxc7-+]
19...c6 20.Rg5 -0.37/24
[20.Qb3!± 0.35/23]
20...Qxf3∓ 21.Rxg6 d5! 22.Qd3 -0.81/21
[22.Qe2∓ -0.43/21 is superior. Nh7 23.Rdg1 Qxh3 24.Qd3]



22...Ne4? 0.74/25
[22...Nd7!∓ -0.81/21 keeps the pressure on. 23.Qe2 Ne5 *(23...Qxh3? 24.Rdg1∓)* 24.Qxf3

Nxf3 *(24...Rxf3 25.Rg3∓)*]
23.Nxe4± dxe4 24.Qb3↑ White is in control. **24...Rd8 25.Rdg1 Bf8** 1.14/22
[⌓25...Bf6 0.74/22]
26.a4
[26.Bxa7?! c5±]
26...Rd5 27.Qc3 0.27/22 Against Bc5
[27.Bxa7 Qxb3 28.cxb3 c5=]
[27.R6g3± 1.00/22 Qh5 28.Qc4 *(28.Bxa7 c5±)*]
27...Kh7 1.08/23
[27...Rfd7= 0.27/22 28.b3 *(28.Bxa7? Rd1+* Back Rank *29.Rxd1 Rxd1#)* 28...Qf7]
28.R6g4
[28.Bxa7?! Qxc3 29.bxc3 c5±]
28...Rfd7 1.30/24
[Black should play 28...Qxh3 0.91/22 29.Rxe4 *(29.Bxa7 Qxc3 30.bxc3 c5=)* 29...Kg8]
29.Kb1
[29.Bxa7? Rd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rxd1#]
29...Rd1+ 30.Rxd1 Qxd1+
[30...Rxd1+ 31.Ka2 Qxh3 32.f3± *(32.Rxe4 Ra1+ 33.Kb3 Qh5=)*]
31.Ka2 0.81/24
[Better is 31.Bc1 1.18/23]
31...Qd5+ 32.b3 0.64/21 White is more active.
[32.Qb3± 1.12/24]
32...Qf5? 8.43/20
[32...b5± 0.64/21]
33.Qc4? 2.16/22
[33.Rf4 8.43/20 Qe6 34.Rxf8]
33...Rd5 5.26/24
[33...Be7 2.16/22 34.Bd4 *(34.Bxa7 b5∓; 34.Qxe4 Qxe4 35.Rxe4 b6±; 34.Rxe4 Bf6±)* 34...Bd8]
34.Qxe4? 1.27/23
[34.Rf4+- 5.26/24 Qc8 35.Qxe4+ *(35.Bxa7 Kg8+-)* 35...Kg8 36.Bxa7]
34...Qxe4 35.Rxe4+- Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **35...Rf5?** 5.26/22
[35...a6± 1.36/22 is more resistant. 36.Rh4+ Kg8]
36.Kb2 2.11/22
[⌓36.Bxa7 5.26/22 Kg6 37.f4]
36...Bc5? 7.04/23
[36...a6 2.11/22 37.Ka2 Rf3]
37.Bxc5 Rxc5 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **38.Re7 Rf5 39.Rxb7 Rxf2 40.Rxa7 Rf3 41.Rc7 Rxh3 42.a5 Kh6 43.a6**



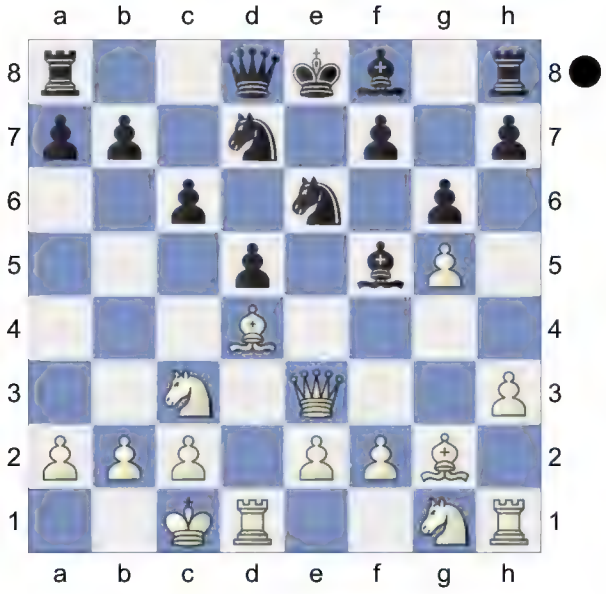
Threatens to win with a7!. **43...g5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=1.04
44.a7
1-0

150 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Bartel,Mat** **2629**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (1) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

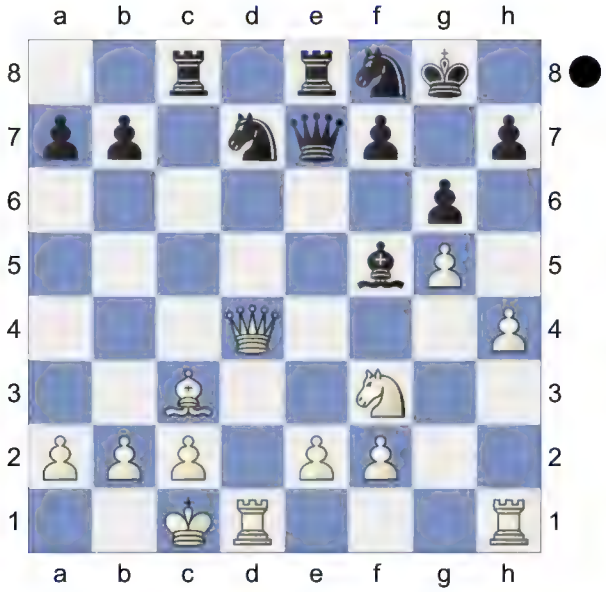
A00: Irregular Openings
* **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 exd4N**
[4...e4 5.c4 Bd6 *(5...h5 6.Nc3*

hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3 19.Rb1 Kc6 20.Kc2 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)*)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 A 00/01 2000]

5.Qxd4 Nf6 0.01/21
[5...Na6∓ -0.36/17]
6.g5= Nfd7 7.Nc3 Nc5 8.Be3 -0.87/21
[8.e4= -0.19/19]
8...Bf5 0.33/22
[8...Nbd7∓ -0.87/21 9.Nf3 Ne6]
9.0-0-0 -0.10/19
[9.Qe5+± 0.33/22 Be6 10.Nf3]
9...Nbd7! 10.Qf4 g6! 11.Bd4? -2.62/22
[11.Bxc5= -0.11/20 and White stays safe. Bxc5 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nge2]
11...Ne6!-+ 12.Qe3



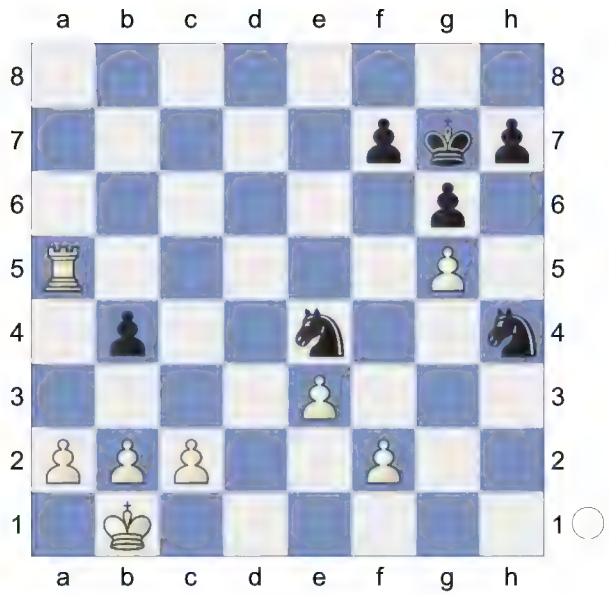
Be7! -1.32/22 **13.h4∓**
[13.Bxh8? Bxg5 14.Nf3 *(14.f4? Bxf4-+* Pin *)* 14...Bxe3+ 15.fxe3 f6-+]
13...0-0 14.Bxd5? -4.91/22 **cxd5-+ 15.Nxd5 Re8 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bc3 Rac8 18.Nf3 Nef8?** -2.13/23
[18...Nb6 -5.73/22 19.Ne1 Qc7]
19.Qd4



Rxc3? -0.78/25 **20.Qxc3∓ Nb6** -0.45/21
[20...Qxe2? 21.Rhe1 Qxc2+ 22.Qxc2 Bxc2 23.Rxe8+-]
[20...Ne6!∓ -1.08/23 21.e4 Bxe4]
21.Nd4∓ Be6 0.01/20
[21...Bd7∓ -0.44/20 is more appropriate.]
22.Nxe6= Qxe6 23.Kb1 Rc8↑ Black has compensation. Black is pushing.
[23...Qxe2 24.Rde1 Qb5 25.Rxe8 Qxe8 26.Qf3=]
24.Qd3 -0.68/23
[24.Qf3= -0.01/23]
24...Nc4!∓ 25.e3 -0.96/22
[25.h5∓ -0.42/20]
25...Qb6∓ 26.Qd4 -10.97/24 Dodges Qxb2+
[26.Qc3∓ -0.75/21]
26...Qc6? -0.35/22
[26...Na3+-+ -10.97/24 27.Ka1 Nxc2+ 28.Kb1 Nxd4 29.Rxd4 Rd8]
27.Rhe1 -1.71/22
[White should play 27.Ka1!∓ -0.35/22]
27...Ne6-+ 28.Qc3 -1.83/23

[28.Qd3∓ -1.39/23]
28...b5 29.Rd3? -7.75/25
[29.Ka1∓ -1.16/21]
29...a5? -2.82/24
[29...b4 -7.75/25 30.Qxb4 Na3+ *(30...a5? 31.Qb3-+)* 31.bxa3 Qxc2+ 32.Ka1 Qxd3]
30.Red1 -4.32/24
[30.Ka1 -2.82/24 b4 31.Qf6]
30...b4 31.Qb3 -6.10/23
[⌓31.Qf6 -4.20/24 Ne5 Discovered Attack 32.R3d2 *(32.Qxe5? Qxc2+ 33.Ka1 Qc1+* Back Rank *34.Rxc1 Rxc1#)*]
31...Ne5? -1.60/25
[31...Qe4-+ -6.10/23 is more deadly. 32.f3 Qxf3 *(32...Qxh4? 33.f4-+)*]
32.R3d2 -2.77/23
[32.Rd6∓ -1.60/25 Qc7 *(32...Qf3 33.Qd5∓)* 33.Rxe6]
32...Nc5?? 3.23/26
[32...Kg7-+ -2.77/23 avoids the disaster. Hoping for ...Nc4. 33.a4 Nc5]
33.Qd5 -2.35/25
[33.Rd8++- 3.23/26 is the narrow road to win. Rxd8 34.Rxd8+ Kg7 35.Qd5 Qxd5 Remove Defender 36.Rxd5]
White now steadily converts the win.
33...Qxd5?? 3.77/21
[33...Nf3-+ -2.35/25 34.Re2 Ne4 *(34...Nxh4? 35.f4∓)* 35.Qxc6 Rxc6]
34.Rxd5+- Nf3 5.01/27
[34...f6 3.43/25 was worth a try. 35.Rd8+ *(35.gxf6 Ng4+-)* 35...Rxd8 36.Rxd8+ Kf7]
35.Rd8+ Rxd8 36.Rxd8+ Kg7 37.Ra8 Nxh4 38.Rxa5 Ne4

(Diagram)



39.Ra4? 0.01/20
[39.f4!+- 6.31/23 Ng2 40.Ra4]
39...Nxf2? 8.43/21
[39...Nf3= 0.01/20 40.Rxb4 Nexg5]
40.Rxb4 Nf3 41.a4
[41.Rf4 Ne4=]
41...Nxg5 42.a5 Ne6 43.a6 Nc7 44.a7 h5 45.Rb7 Na8 46.Rb8 Nc7 47.Rc8
[47.a8B Nxa8 48.Rxa8 h4-+]
47...Ne6 48.a8Q And now b4 would win.
48...Ng4 49.Rg8+ Kf6 50.Qf3+ Kg5
Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/ Black=1.41
51.Qxf7
1-0

151 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Cupid,Kevin** **2189**
Titled Tue 14th Jan Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 Nd7 5.c4
[5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.e4 Be6 7.exd5 Bxd5 8.Bxd5 cxd5 9.Bf4 Qf6

10.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 11.Qe2 Qe6 12.Qxe6+ fxe6 13.Ne2 Rc8 14.Nbc3 Bb4 15.0-0-0 h5 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nbd4 e5 18.Nf5 hxg4 19.hxg4 Rxh1 0-1 (40) Bastian,H (2317)-Svane,R (2509) GER-ch 85th Velden Aller 2014 (3)]

5...dxc4 6.Nc3 h5N

[6...Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3 Nd3+ 20.exd3 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 1-0 (59) Basman,M (2351)-Bigg,A Sutton op 1999 (7) Qxd4 22.Qxd4 Rxd4 23.dxc4 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Be6 25.b3 Kf8 26.Kf2 Re8 27.f4 Bc8 28.Nd6 Rd8 29.c5 b6 30.b4 bxc5 31.bxc5 Be6 32.f5 Bd5 33.Rb2 a5 34.a3 h6 35.Ke3 Ra8 36.h4 1-0 (59) Basman,M (2390)-Strauss,D (2425) ch-GB Brighton 1984 Kg8 37.Kf4 Kf8 38.g5 hxg5+ 39.hxg5 fxg5+ 40.Kxg5 Kg8 41.Rb7 Rf8 42.Ra7 Rf6 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.Ne8+ Kf7 45.Nxf6 Bb3 46.Ng4 Bd5 47.Ne5+ Ke7 48.f6+ Ke6 49.f7 Ke7 50.Kg6 Bxf7+ 51.Nxf7 1-0 (59) 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005]

7.gxh5 -0.85/19

[7.g5∓ -0.46/21]

7...Ngf6 8.dxe5 Black is slightly better.

8...Nxe5 and ...Qxd1+ should not be overlooked

[8...Nxh5?! 9.Nf3±]

9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bf4 -0.93/22

[10.h6∓ -0.49/22 might be stronger.]

10...Bd6 0.19/21 Black is more active.

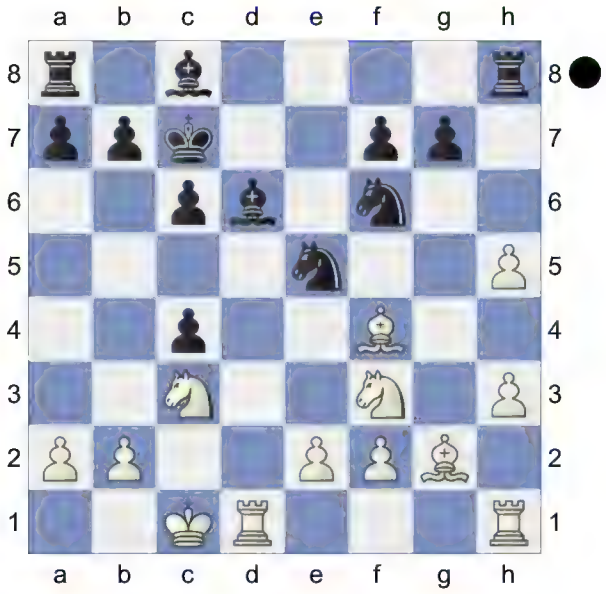
[Black should play 10...Rxh5∓ -0.93/22 11.Rd1+ Bd7]

11.0-0-0= Kc7 0.88/23

[11...Ke7= 0.13/26 12.Rxd6 Kxd6]

Loses the game. **12.Nf3?** -4.22/23

[12.Bh2± 0.88/23 stays on course.]



12...Nd3+!-+ Discovered Attack **13.exd3 Bxf4+ 14.Kc2 Bf5**

[14...Rxh5 15.dxc4 Bf5+ 16.Kb3-+]

15.Ne1 Rad8 White is weak on the dark squares

[15...Nxh5 16.Be4 Be6 17.dxc4-+]

[15...Rxh5 16.Bf3 cxd3+ *(16...Rxh3? 17.Rxh3 Bxh3 18.dxc4-+)* 17.Nxd3-+]

16.Bf1 b5

[16...Nxh5 17.b3-+]

[16...Rxh5 17.Ng2 Rd4 *(17...Rxh3 18.Rxh3 Bxh3 19.Nxf4±)* 18.Ne3-+]

17.Ng2 Be5 A strong pair of Bishops.

[17...Nxh5 18.b3-+]

18.Ne3 cxd3+ 19.Bxd3 Bxd3+ 20.Rxd3 Rxd3

[20...Nxh5 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Re1-+]

21.Kxd3 Rd8+

[Weaker is 21...Nxh5 22.h4-+]

22.Kc2 Nxh5 23.Ne4 g6 24.Ng5 Rd7 25.h4 Bf4 26.Ng4 Bxg5

[Resist 26...Rd2+ 27.Kc3-+]

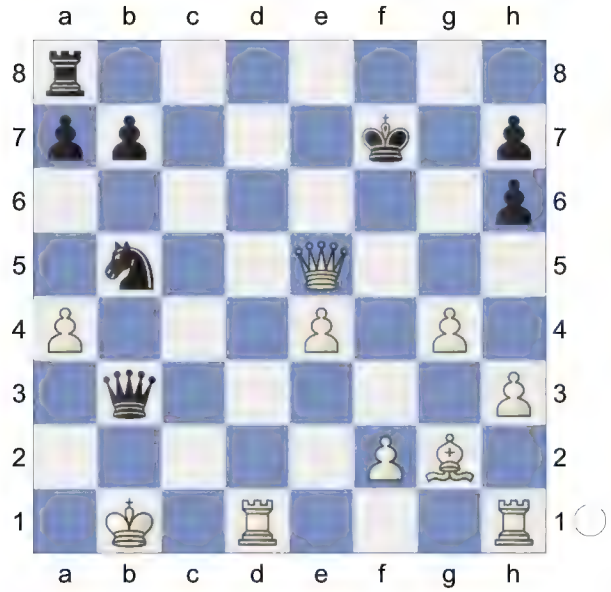
27.hxg5 Rd5 28.f4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.33
28...Rf5
[28...Nxf4 29.Rh7 Kb6 *(29...Rxg5 30.Rxf7+ Kd6 31.Rxf4±)* 30.Rxf7∓]
0-1

152 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Gelman,A** **2403**
Titled Tue 29th Jul Late blitz (5) 29.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 c6 2.Bg2 d5 3.h3 e5 4.d4 Nd7 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Bf4N -1.02/22
[White should try 6.e4∓ -0.45/20 Be6 7.exd5 Bxd5 8.Bxd5 cxd5 9.Bf4 Qf6 10.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 11.Qe2 Qe6 12.Qxe6+ fxe6 13.Ne2 Rc8 14.Nbc3 Bb4 15.0-0-0 h5 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nbd4 e5 18.Nf5 hxg4 19.hxg4 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 g6 21.Ne3 0-1 (40) Bastian,H (2317)-Svane,R (2509) GER-ch 85th Velden Aller 2014 (3) Ne7 22.Rh8+ Kd7 23.Rxc8 Kxc8 24.f4 Bc5 25.Kd2 e4 26.c3 Kd7 27.b4 Ba7 28.Nc2 b5 29.Ne3 Kd6 30.Nd4 Nc6 31.Nxc6 Bxe3+ 32.Kxe3 Kxc6 33.Kd4 Kd7 34.Ke3 Kd6 35.Kd4 Ke7 36.Ke3 ½-½ (40) Bassy,C (1193)-Riepe,B (1380) E0251 www.desc-online.de 1999]
6...Bd6 -0.53/22
[6...Ng6∓ -1.02/22 7.Bg3 Nf6]
7.Qd4∓ Qe7 -0.14/22
[7...Qf6∓ -0.58/22 deserves consideration.]
8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...f6 9.Nc3** -0.74/21
[9.Nbd2!= -0.29/20]
9...Nh6 -0.07/22
[9...Bc5∓ -0.74/21 10.Qd2 Nc4]
10.Bxh6
[10.0-0-0 simplifies Nhf7 11.e4 Nxf3 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Bxf3 Qf4+ 14.Qe3]
10...gxh6 11.0-0-0 Nc4

White must now prevent ...Bc5. **12.e4?** -3.00/23
[12.Qd3!= 0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry.]
12...Bf4+? 0.01/22
[12...Be5-+ -3.00/23 13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.Nxd5 *(14.Qd3? Qb4-+)* 14...cxd5 *(14...exd4 15.Nxe7 Kxe7 16.Rxd4∓)* 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qb5+ Kf7]
13.Kb1⇄ White is not holding back
13...Qb4 14.b3
[14.Qxf6? Qxb2#]
14...Be5 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 1.02/23
[16...Na3+∓ -0.34/26 keeps the upper hand. 17.Kb2 Qxd4+ *(17...exd4? 18.Nxb4 Nb5 19.a4+-)* 18.Rxd4 exd4 *(18...cxd5? 19.Rxd5 Be6 20.Rxe5+-)* 19.Nc7+ Ke7 20.Nxa8 Nb5]
17.Qxd5± Na3+ 2.28/24

[17...Ke7± 0.97/22]
18.Kb2+- Nb5? 10.36/22
[18...Nc4+ 2.28/22 19.Qxc4 Qxc4 20.bxc4 Be6]
19.Qxe5+ Kf7 20.Qxh8 Bf5 21.Qe5 Be6 22.a4 Qa3+ 23.Kb1 Bxb3 24.cxb3 5.04/24
[24.axb5? Qa2+ 25.Kc1 Qxc2#]
[⌓24.Rd7+ 13.50/28 Kf8 25.Qh8+ Skewer *(25.Qxb5? Qa2+ 26.Kc1 Qxc2#; 25.cxb3 Qxb3+ 26.Qb2 Nc3+ 27.Kc1 Na2+ 28.Kb1 Nc3+ 29.Kc1 Ne2+ 30.Kb1 Nc3+=)* 25...Bg8 26.axb5]
24...Qxb3+



25.Qb2? -0.01/35
[Only move: 25.Kc1!+- 5.21/27 Threatening mate with Rd7+. Rc8+ 26.Kd2 Rd8+ 27.Ke2 *(27.Kc1 Qc4+ 28.Kb2 Qb4+ 29.Ka1 Qxa4+ 30.Kb2 Qb4+ 31.Ka1 Qa3+ 32.Kb1 Qb3+ 33.Kc1 Qc4+ 34.Kb2 Qb4+ 35.Ka1 Qa4+ 36.Kb2 Qb4+=)* 27...Rxd1 28.Qh5+ *(28.Rxd1 Nc3+ 29.Ke3 Nxd1+ 30.Kf4 Nxf2±; 28.Qxb5 Qc2+ 29.Ke3 Rd6±)* 28...Kg7 29.Qxb5 *(29.Rxd1 Nc3+ 30.Kd2 Qb2+ 31.Kd3 Nxd1=; 29.Qe5+ Kf7+-)* 29...Qc2+ 30.Ke3 Qc1+ 31.Kf3 Rxh1 32.Qxb7+ Kf6 33.Qa6+ *(33.Qxa7 Qa3+ 34.Ke2 Qb2+ 35.Kf3 Qa3+ 36.Ke2 Qb2+ 37.Kf3 Qc3+ 38.Kf4 Qe5+ 39.Kf3 Qc3+ 40.Kf4 Rb1=; 33.Qxh7 Qa3+ 34.Kf4 Qd6+ 35.Ke3 Re1+ 36.Kf3 Qd3+ 37.Kf4 Qd6+ 38.Kf3 Qa3+ 39.Kf4 Qd6+ 40.Kf3=)* 33...Ke5 34.Qa5+ *(34.Qxa7 Qa3+ 35.Ke2 Qb2+ 36.Kf3 Qb3+ 37.Qe3 Qxe3+ 38.fxe3 Ra1∓)* 34...Kd6 35.Qd5+ *(35.Qxa7 Qc3+ 36.Kf4 Rb1=)* 35...Kc7 36.Bxh1 Qxh1+ 37.Ke2]
25...Qxa4? 9.98/20
[25...Nc3+= -0.01/35 26.Kc1 Ne2+ *(26...Na2+ 27.Kb1=)* 27.Kb1 *(27.Qxe2?* is the wrong capture. *Rc8+-+)* 27...Nc3+]
26.Qa2+ White is clearly winning.
26...Qxa2+ 27.Kxa2 Nc3+ 28.Kb3 Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Rd8
Weighted Error Value: White=1.32/ Black=1.50
30.Rxd8
1-0

153 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Iskusnyh,S** **2440**
Titled Tue 10th Jun Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 Ne7 3.c4
[3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nbc6 5.Qd1 Ng6 6.c4 Nh4 7.Be4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Qe7 9.Bd5 d6 10.h3 Be6 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Qc2 Rfe8 13.0-0-0 Nd4 14.Qd3 c5 15.e3 Nc6 16.Qc2 Ne5 17.b3 b5 1-0 (46) Nakamura,H (2768)-Paravyan,D (2589) Titled Tue 18th

Oct Early blitz 2022 (11)]
[3.h4 Ng6 4.g5 d5 5.c4 Nf4 6.Bf1 dxc4 7.Nc3 b5 8.Nxb5 Bb7 9.Rh2 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 11.Qxc4 Nd7 12.d3 Qe7 13.Nh3 Nb6 14.Qc2 Nfd5 15.a3 a5 16.Bg2 f6 17.Bd2 f5 0-1 (41) Beerdsen,T (2496)-Molenda, M (2368) Titled Tue 12. Apr Late 2022 (2)]

3...Ng6 4.d3N
[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 h5 7.g5 Nh4 8.Be4 Nd4 9.e3 Ne6 10.f4 c6 11.Nf3 exf4 12.Nxh4 Qxg5 13.Nf3 Qg3+ 14.Kd2 Qg2+ 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Nh4 Nxe4+ 17.Kc2 Qf2 18.dxe4 f3 (44) Chapter-Games Chapter 6 Game 26]

4...Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.g5 Nh4 7.Be4 f5 -0.18/20
[7...0-0∓ -0.77/20]

8.gxf6= The position is equal. **8...Qxf6 9.Nf3 c6 10.Rg1** Prevents Ng2+ **10...0-0** 0.53/22
[10...Nxf3+= -0.22/21 11.Bxf3 Bf5]

11.Bg5± Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Qg6 1.40/21
[12...Qe6!± 0.60/21]

13.h4 0.39/21
[13.Rg3!± 1.40/21]

13...Bf5 14.Qd2 0-0-0 would now be deadly. **14...Kh8 15.Rg2** -0.01/20
[15.Na4± 0.40/22]

15...Qf7
[15...Bxd3? 16.Be7 Qf7 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.Qxd3+-]

16.0-0-0 Nd7 17.Rdg1 Rg8 0.36/19
[17...Bh3= -0.01/20 is superior.]

18.h5 -0.20/19
[18.Kb1± 0.36/19]

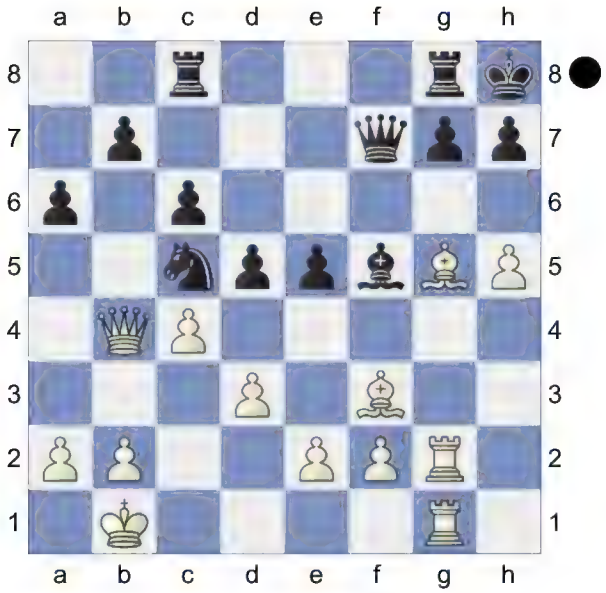
18...Rac8 0.89/21
[18...h6!= -0.20/19 19.Be3 Bd4]

19.Kb1 0.27/21
[19.Na4± 0.89/21]

19...a6 1.14/21
[19...h6= 0.27/21]

20.Ne4 d5? 3.01/24
[20...Rcf8± 1.13/19]

21.Nxc5+- Nxc5 22.Qb4? -0.01/21
[22.h6+- 2.27/21 gxh6 *(22...Bxd3+ 23.exd3 Qxf3 24.hxg7+ Rxg7 25.Bf6+-)* 23.Bxh6]



22...Nxd3= 23.exd3 Bxd3+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack
[23...dxc4? 24.Be4+-]

24.Ka1
[24.Kc1 with more complications. Qxf3 25.Qxb7 Qxh5 26.Bd2]

24...Qxf3 25.Qe7? -8.53/24
[25.Rg3= 0.01/20 Qxf2 26.Qd6]

25...Rce8 -4.23/21
[25...dxc4? 26.Bh6 Qf8 27.Qxe5+- *(27.Qxb7 gxh6 28.Rxg8+ Qxg8+-; 27.Bxg7+ Rxg7 28.Rxg7 Qxe7+-)*]
[25...Qxh5 26.Bf6 Bg6 *(26...gxf6 27.Qxf6+)* 27.Rg5∓]
[25...Bxc4? 26.Bh6 *(26.Qxe5? Bf1-+)* 26...Qf8 27.Qxe5+-]
[⌓25...Bf1 -8.53/24 26.Bc1 Bxg2 27.Qxe5 Qf6 *(27...dxc4? 28.h6-+; 27...Qxf2? 28.Qh2-+)*]

26.Qxb7 -8.97/21

[⌓26.Rg3 -4.23/21 Qxg3 *(26...Qxf2? 27.Qd7-+; 26...Qxh5 27.Qxb7 Bxc4 28.Bc1∓)* 27.Rxg3 Rxe7 *(27...Bxc4? 28.Qd6+-)* 28.Bxe7 dxc4 *(28...Bxc4 29.h6∓)* 29.h6]

26...Qxh5? -0.27/24

[26...Bf1-+ -8.97/21 (-> ...Qd1+) 27.Bc1 Bxg2]

27.cxd5 -1.77/23

[27.Bd2= -0.27/24 and White stays safe.]

27...cxd5 -0.59/23

[27...Be4-+ -1.77/23 28.Rg3 Bxd5 *(28...cxd5? 29.Qxa6 Qf7 30.Qf1-+)*]

28.Qxd5∓ e4 5.65/26

[28...Bg6!∓ -0.61/23 keeps the upper hand.]

29.Qd4!+- Bf6! would kill now. **29...Rc8**

30.Bd2? -0.01/24

[White should try 30.b3+- 5.51/26 Qg6 31.Bf4]

30...Qf7? 7.21/26

[30...Qc5= -0.01/24 31.Qd7 Qc6]

31.Bc3 3.57/25

[⌓31.Bh6 7.21/26 Rc7 32.Rxg7 *(32.Bxg7+ Qxg7 33.Rxg7 Rcxg7+-)* 32...Qxg7 33.Rxg7 *(33.Bxg7+ Rcxg7 34.Rxg7 Rxg7±)* 33...Rcxg7 34.a4 *(34.Bxg7+ Rxg7 35.b3 h5+-)*]

31...Rc4

[31...Rc7 32.Rxg7 Qxg7 33.Rxg7 Rcxg7 34.Qb6]

32.Qe5 Rxc3 33.Qxc3

[33.bxc3 a5 34.Rh2 *(34.Qxa5 Bc4±)* 34...Rd8+-]

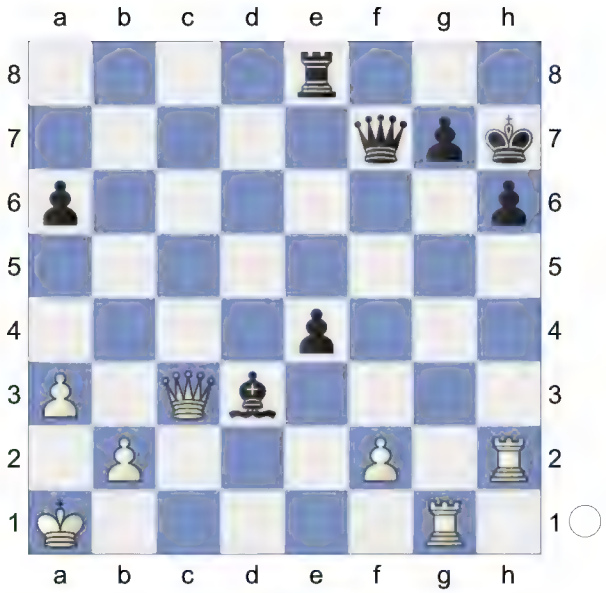
33...h6 34.a3 Kh7 35.Rh2? 0.61/23

[35.f4+- 3.28/22]

35...Re8 2.02/21

[Black should play 35...Rf8!± 0.61/23]

(Diagram)



36.Qd4 0.86/22

[36.f4!+- 2.02/21 has better winning chances.]

36...Re6 2.09/23

[36...Qc7± 0.86/22 might work better.]

37.Qe3 1.02/23

[37.Rhg2+- 2.09/23 g5 38.Rc1]

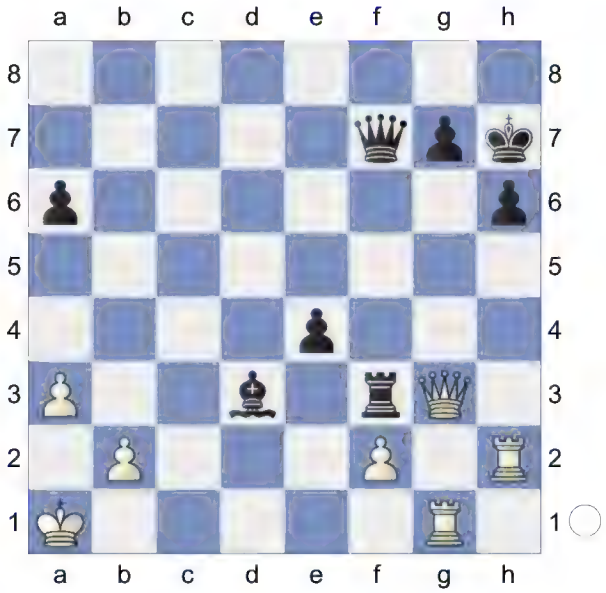
37...Rf6 1.79/22

[37...Rc6± 1.02/23]

38.Qg3? 0.01/25

[38.Rhg2+- 1.79/22]

38...Rf3=

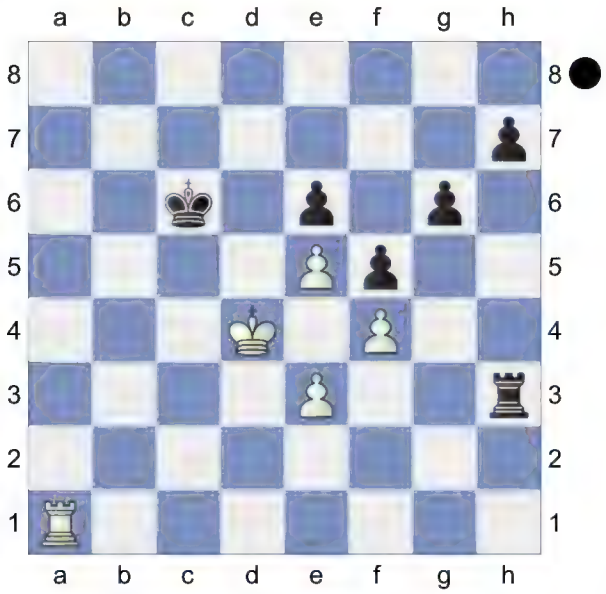


Really sharp! **39.Rhg2** -12.53/27 White is weak on the light squares **39...Rxg3-+** Black is clearly winning. **40.Rxg3 Bc4**
[Weaker is 40...Qxf2 41.Rxg7+ Kh8 42.Rg8+ Kh7 43.R1g7#]
41.Rc3 a5 42.Rgc1 Be6 43.R1c2 a4 44.Re2 Qd7 45.Rc1 Inhibits Qd1. **45...Qd5 46.b4 Qd4+ 47.Rb2 h5** White must now prevent ...Qd3. **48.b5** Weighted Error Value: White=1.41/ Black=1.03
48...Bb3
0-1

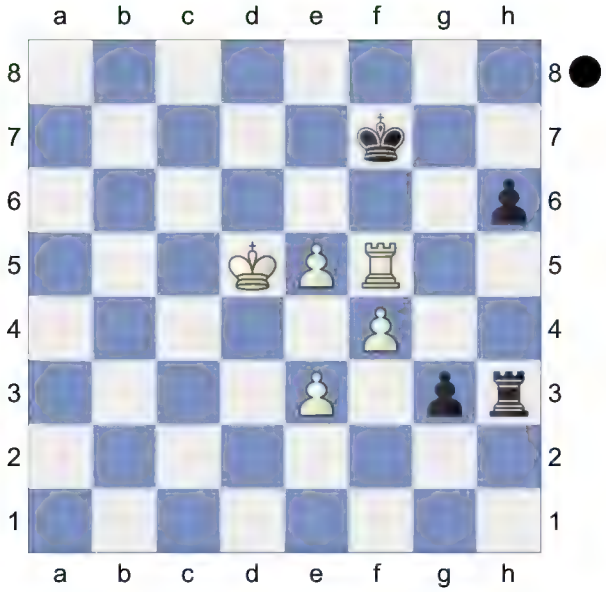
154 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Jimenez Salas,Maria Teresa** **2249**
Titled Tue 8th Jul Early blitz (9) 08.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Qb6
[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 *(5...e6 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Qxc6 Rc8 8.Qa6 Rxc4 9.b3 Rc5 10.Nb5 Qb8 11.a4 Rc2 12.Nf3 e5 13.Qxa7 Qd8 14.0-0 Bc5 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Qb7 e4 17.Ne1 Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Rxc7 19.Qb4+ Kg8 20.a5* 1-0 (60) ToromBot (3038)-InanisBot (2487) Rapid 2024*)* 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 Rb6 19.Kd1 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]
5.Qxb6N
[5.cxd5 Qxb3 6.axb3 cxd5 7.Bxd5 Nc6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.Ra4 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 0-0-0 11.Nxe7+ Nxe7 12.Rxg4 h5 13.Rc4+ Nc6 14.Nf3 f6 15.d3 g5 16.Be3 Kb8 17.Nd2 Bb4 18.Kd1 Rhe8 19.h4 g4 1-0 (31) Walker,J-Lanaway,J BCCA v BCCS match 2002-3 (43.2) 20.Rf4 Re6 21.Rf5 Bxd2 22.Kxd2 Rh8 23.Bf4+ Ka8 24.Rd5 Ne7 25.Rd7 Re8 26.Bg3 Nf5 27.e4 R6e7 28.Rd5 Ng7 29.Rf1 b6 30.f3 gxf3 31.Rxf3 1-0 Von Popiel,I-Oltra Caurin,R Nuremberg LGA Cup 6th 2009 (43.2)]
5...axb6 6.cxd5 Nf6 7.Nc3 -0.46/24
[7.dxc6= -0.05/21 Nxc6 8.Nc3]
7...cxd5 8.Nxd5 Black is slightly better. **8...Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Nc6 10.h3 Bf5 11.d3 e6 12.Bg2 Nb4**
[12...Nd4!? 13.Kf1 Ra7∓]
13.Kd1 Dodges Nc2 **13...Rxa2 14.Rxa2 Nxa2 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Bxc5** -0.72/22
[16.Nf3= 0.01/21]
16...bxc5∓ 17.Bxb7 -1.63/24
[17.Kd2∓ -0.73/23]
17...Ke7-+ 18.Kc2 -1.82/26
[18.Bg2∓ -1.40/25 is a better defense.]
18...Rb8 -1.28/24
[18...c4-+ -1.82/26 19.Nf3 cxd3+ 20.exd3 Nb4+ 21.Kc3 Nxd3]
19.Be4∓ Bxe4 20.dxe4 Endgame KRN-KRN **20...Nb4+** -0.14/23
[Black should try 20...Rb4-+ -1.64/25 21.Nf3 Rxe4]
21.Kc3= Nc6 ...Rb4 poses a challenge **22.Nf3 Rb4 23.Nd2 Nd4 24.e3 Nb5+ 25.Kc2 Nd6 26.f3 Nc4 27.Nxc4 Rxc4+** KR-KR **28.Kd3**
[28.Kb3!? Rb4+□ 29.Kc3=]
28...Rb4 29.Kc3 f5 30.e5 -1.36/26
[30.Ra1= 0.01/24 remains equal.]
30...Rh4 -0.08/24
[30...g5∓ -1.36/26 ...Rh4 would now be deadly. 31.Rg1 h6]

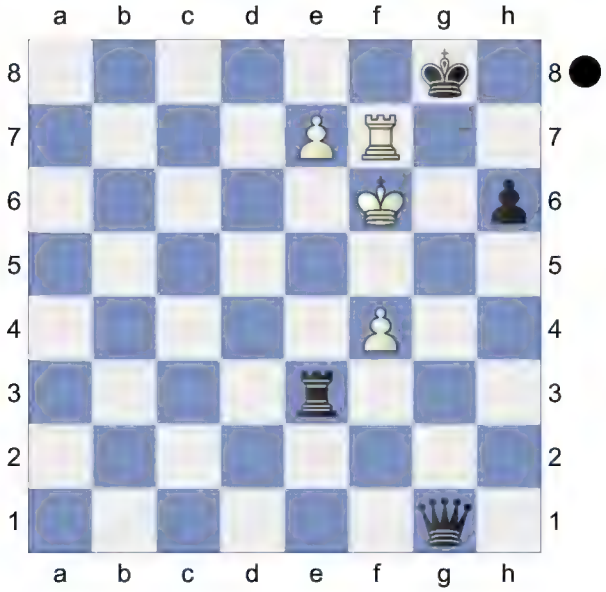
31.f4! Kd7 0.39/30
[31...g5= -0.07/27 deserves consideration.]
32.Rg1 0.01/27
[32.Kc4± 0.39/30]
32...g6 33.Rg3 Kc6 34.Kc4 Rh6 35.Rf3 Rh5 36.Rg3 Rh6 37.Rf3 Rh4 38.Rg3 Kb6 39.b4 cxb4 40.Kxb4 Kc6 41.Kc4 Rh6 42.Kd4 Rh5 43.Rf3 Rh4 44.Rg3 Kb5 45.Rg1 Rxh3 46.Rb1+ Kc6 47.Ra1



g5! 48.Ra6+ Kd7 49.Ra7+ Ke8 50.Ra6 g4 51.Rxe6+ Kd7 52.Rd6+ Ke7 53.Rf6? -7.03/23
[53.Rb6= -0.01/25]
53...Rh5? 0.01/28
[53...g3-+ -7.03/23 54.Rxf5 Rh6]
54.Ra6 g3 55.Ra7+ Ke6 56.Ra6+ Ke7 57.Ra7+ Kf8 58.Ra8+ Kf7 59.Ra7+ Kg8 60.Ra8+ Kg7 61.Ra7+ Kh6 0.45/26
[61...Kg8= -0.01/27]
62.Ra6+ 0.01/5
[62.Ra1!± 0.45/26]
62...Kg7 63.Ra7+ Kf8 64.Ra8+ Ke7 65.Rg8 Rh3 66.Kd5 Strongly threatening e6. **66...Kf7 67.Rg5 h6 68.Rxf5+?** -8.32/21
[68.e6+= -0.01/20 Kf6 69.Rxf5+ Deflection, Promotion Kxf5 70.e7]



68...Kg7!-+ 69.e6 g2 70.Rf7+ Kg8 71.Ke5 g1Q
[71...g1B 72.Kf6 Bf2 73.Rg7+ Kh8 74.Kf7 Rxe3 75.Rg4±]
72.Kf6 Rxe3 73.e7

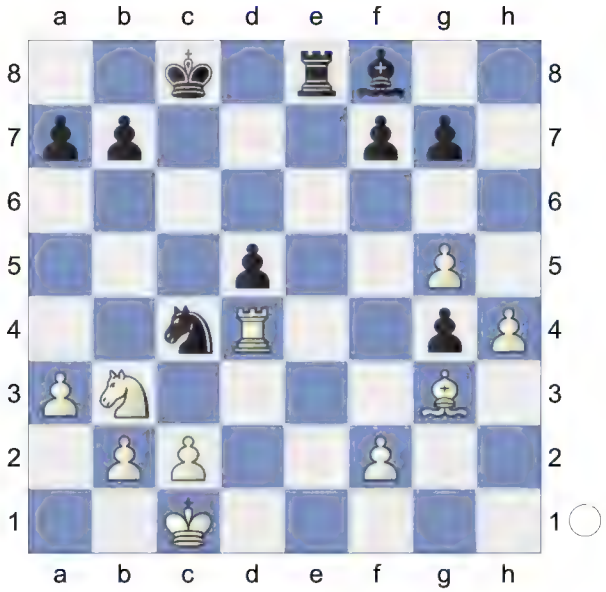


Rxe7!! -12.53/24 **74.Rxe7 Qd4+ 75.Re5 Qxf4+ 76.Rf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)

76...Qd6#
0-1

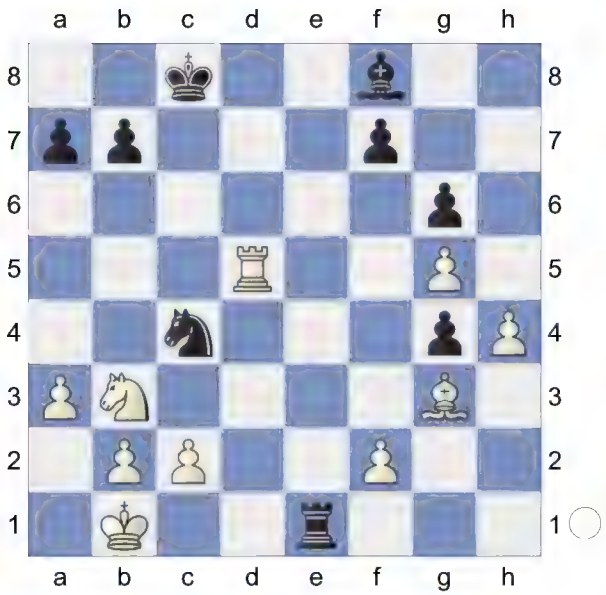
155 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Khoroshev,N** **2357**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Early blitz (2) 01.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
*** 1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 exd4N**
[4...e4 5.c4 Bd6 *(5...h5 6.Nc3 hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3 19.Rb1 Kc6 20.Kc2* 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)*)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 A 00/01 2000]
5.Qxd4 Qb6 6.Nf3 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Nd7 0.44/22
[7...Bc5= -0.03/22 8.Nb3 Bb6]
8.Bf4 White is slightly better. **8...Nc5**
9.Nd2 -0.01/22 White is more active.
[9.c4!± 0.61/20]
9...Nf6 0.42/19
[9...Ne6= -0.01/22 10.Nxe6 Bxe6]
10.0-0-0 Ne6 11.Nxe6 Bxe6 12.Rhe1 0-0-0 13.a3 h5 14.g5 Nd7 15.e4 Nb6 16.h4 Bc5 1.14/24
[16...dxe4± 0.36/22 17.Nxe4 *(17.Rxe4 Nd5±)* 17...Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Nd5 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.Bxd6 Rd8]
17.Bg3 0.39/23
[17.Nb3!± 1.14/24 Bxf2 18.Rf1 Bxh4 19.Rh1]
17...Rhe8 1.60/22
[Better is 17...dxe4± 0.39/23 18.Nxe4 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Be7]
18.Bf3 0.16/24
[18.g6± 1.60/22]
18...Bg4 0.88/24
[18...g6= 0.16/24]
19.Bxg4+± hxg4 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Nb3 Bf8 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Rd4 0.36/24
[23.h5± 0.98/22]
23...Nc4 0.89/26
[23...g6± 0.36/24]



24.Kb1 0.34/25
[24.c3!± 0.89/26]
24...Re1+± 25.Ka2 Re2 26.Kb1 -0.01/23
[26.Na1!± 0.40/26 deserves consideration.]
26...g6 1.38/26
[26...Re1+= -0.01/23 keeps the balance. 27.Ka2 Re2]
27.Rxd5± Re1+

(Diagram)

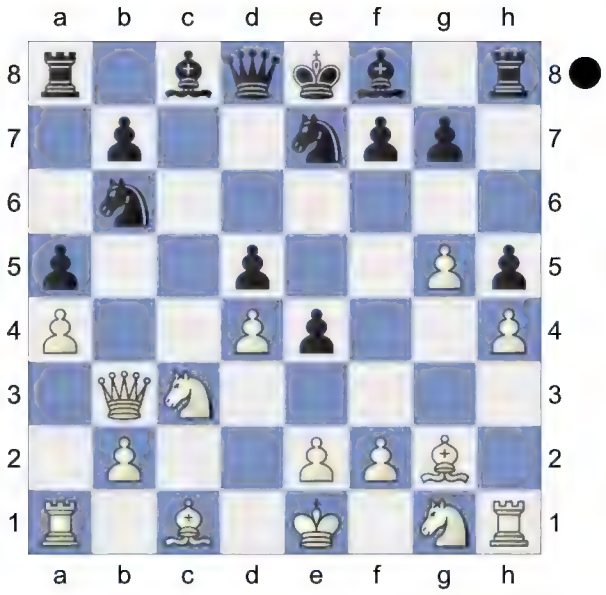


28.Ka2 0.22/24
[28.Nc1!± 1.33/26]
28...Re2!= 29.Kb1 Rd4 would now be deadly. Loses the game. **29...b6?** 4.09/24
[29...Re1+!= -0.01/21 and Black stays safe. 30.Nc1 Rf1]
30.Rd4+- b5 31.Rxg4 Bg7 32.Nd4 Rd2 8.30/23
[32...Re1+ 3.59/24 33.Ka2 a6]
33.Nxb5 White is clearly winning.
33...Nxb2 34.Nd6+ Kd7 35.Nxf7 a5 36.Ne5+ Bxe5 37.Bxe5 Nd1 38.Rd4+ Rxd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.91
39.Bxd4
1-0

156 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2625**
Titled Tue 6th May Late blitz (3) 06.05.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5
[5...dxc4?! 6.Bxe4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3±]
6.g5 -1.26/19
[⌓6.Nc3 -0.87/19]
6...Ne7N -0.56/20 Black is more active.
[6...dxc4 7.Nc3±]
[6...Bd6∓ -1.26/19 7.Nc3 Ne7 *(7...dxc4 8.Nxe4 Na6 9.Nf3±)* 8.f3 Bg3+ 9.Kf1 exf3 10.Nxf3 Bf5 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Bf2 Bd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Bxe4 0-0-0 16.Kg2 Bf4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Nde4 Ne5 19.b3 Ng6 20.d5 Ngh4+ 21.Kf1 Ne3+ 22.Bxe3 Bxe3 0-1 (26) Van Foreest,L (2544)-Sarana,A (2657) Titled Tuesday 20. Oct 2020 (4)]
[6...h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7 0-1 6.♗e3 c6 7.a4 d5_54468 (2304)-Furrer,M (2627) Hersonissos 101/182 2007 (1)]
7.Nc3∓ Nd7 -0.13/22
[7...dxc4?! 8.Nxe4 Ng6 9.Nf3=]
[7...Nf5∓ -0.66/20]
8.cxd5= The position is equal. **8...cxd5**
9.Qb3 -1.24/21
[9.Qa4= 0.01/22 remains equal.]
9...Nb6∓ 10.a4 -1.78/21
[10.h4∓ -1.03/21]
10...a5-+ 11.h4 -2.24/21
[11.f3∓ -1.57/20 e3 12.Bxe3]

(Diagram)



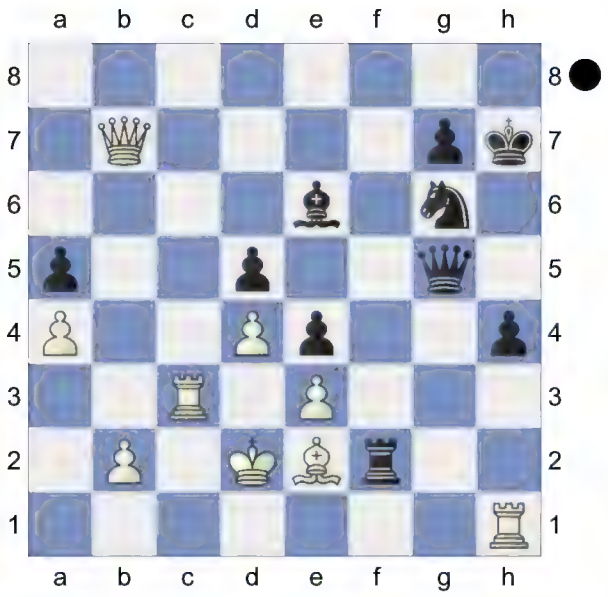
11...Ng6! 12.e3 -3.00/21
[⌓12.Kf1 -2.09/19]
12...Bb4 13.Nge2 0-0 14.Bd2 -3.49/20
[14.f3 -2.42/19 was necessary.]
14...Bg4 15.Nb5 Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nc4+ 17.Ke1 Rc8 18.Na3? -5.08/20
[18.Rc1 -3.11/18 Bf3 19.Bxf3 exf3 20.Ng3]
18...Nxa3 19.Rxa3 Kh7 20.Nc3 Be6 -0.27/22
[20...f5-+ -2.83/21 21.Qxd5 Qxd5 22.Nxd5 Rc2]
21.Bf1 -1.65/23
[21.Qd1!= -0.27/22 and White has nothing to worry.]
21...f6↑ White is under strong pressure.
22.Be2? -4.20/22
[22.Qd1∓ -1.04/21 was the crucial defense. Bg4 *(22...fxg5? perishes. 23.Qxh5+ Kg8 24.Qxg6+-)* 23.Be2]
22...fxg5 23.hxg5 h4 24.Qxb7 Qxg5 and ...Rxf2! would now be decisive
25.Rb3

(Diagram)

Rxf2! Remove Defender **26.Kd2**
[26.Qb5 Qg3]

26...Rxc3! 27.Rxc3
[27.bxc3 Rxe2+]

(Diagram)

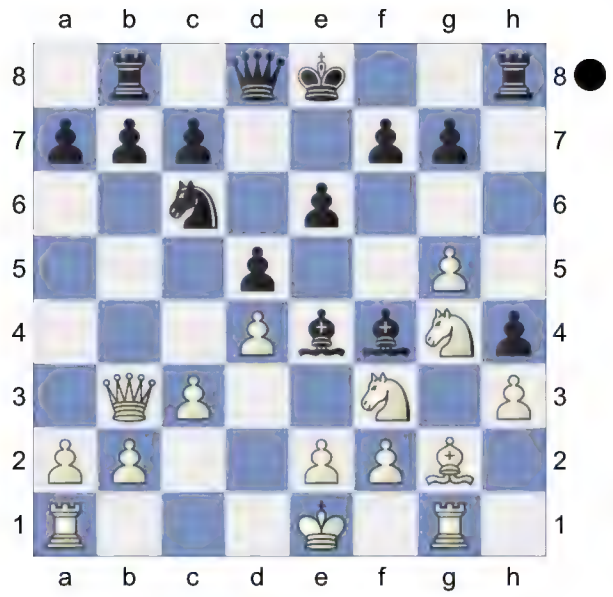


27...Rxe2+! Decoy **28.Kxe2**
[28.Kc1 Rxe3]
28...Qg2+ 29.Kd1 Qxh1+ -13.84/27
[⌓29...Bg4+ -#3/8 30.Kc1 Qxh1+ 31.Kd2 Qd1#]
30.Kc2 Black is clearly winning. **30...h3**
31.Qc6 Qg2+ 32.Kb3
Weighted Error Value: White=1.62/ Black=0.89
32...h2
0-1

157 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Martinez Ramirez,L** **2427**
Titled Tue 7th Jan Early blitz (5) 7.1.25
[Kitty Kat]

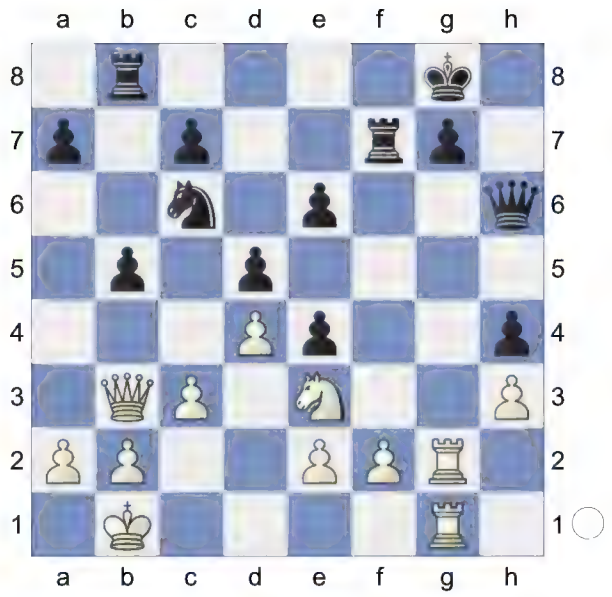
A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.h3N
[3.e3 e5 4.b3 *(4.Nc3 d4 5.Ne4 Be6 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nxf6+ gxf6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Qf3 Qd5 10.Qxd5 cxd5 11.exd4 Bxg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Bd2 Rg8 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Ne2 Kb7 16.Rhg1 Bd6 17.a3 exd4 18.Bf4 Bc5* 1-0 (70) ToromBot (3056)-InanisBot (2562) Rapid 2024) 4...Be6 5.Bb2 h5 6.gxh5 Qg5 7.Qf3 Bd6 8.h4 Qh6 9.Nh3 Nf6 10.Qe2 e4 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.Qb5 Qxh5 13.Qxb7 Kd7 14.Na3 Rab8 15.Qa6 Rb6 16.Qf1 Nb4 17.Bc3 a5 1-0 (24) Turtiainen,T (2231)-Schoen,R (2191) HUN-ch18 Budapest 1963 (6)]
[3.c4 d4 4.h3 e5 5.d3 Nge7 6.Nd2 h5 7.gxh5 Rxh5 8.Ngf3 Ng6 9.Ne4 f5 10.Ng3 Rh8 11.h4 f4 12.Ne4 Nxh4 13.Kd2 Qe7 14.Nxh4 Rxh4 15.Kc2 Bg4 16.Bd2 0-0-0 17.a3 a6 1-0 (76) LeelaChessTest (3045)-pawn_git (2890) Rapid 2025]
3...h5 4.g5 Bf5 5.d4 e6 6.c3 -1.10/21
[⌓6.c4 -0.71/20]
6...Bd6 -0.67/21
[6...Nge7∓ -1.10/21 7.Be3 Ng6]
7.Nf3∓ Nge7 Black has more active pieces. **8.Nbd2** -1.48/20
[⌓8.Nh4 -0.84/19]
8...Ng6∓ 9.Nf1 h4 -0.98/20
[9...0-0-+ -1.63/19 10.Ng3 Bxg3 11.fxg3 Qd6]
10.Ne3 Be4 11.Ng4 Nf4 -0.88/21
[⌓11...Qe7 -1.27/19 12.0-0 0-0-0]
12.Bxf4 Bxf4 13.Qb3 Rb8
[13...Bxg5?! 14.Qxb7 Na5 15.Qa6 Bxf3 16.Bxf3=]
14.Rg1

(Diagram)



Bxg5 0.13/19
[14...Bf5!∓ -0.87/18]
15.Nxg5= Qxg5 16.Ne3 -1.50/18
[16.Bxe4= 0.28/20 dxe4 17.Rg2]
16...f5? 0.33/23
[16...Bg6∓ -1.50/18 aiming for ...0-0. 17.Rd1 0-0]
17.0-0-0
[17.Kd2 looks sharper. Qh6 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rg2]
17...Qh6 0.54/22
[17...Qf6= 0.01/23]
18.Bxe4± fxe4
[18...dxe4? 19.d5 Ne7 20.dxe6+-]
19.Rg2 0-0 20.Kb1 b5? 1.98/24
[20...Rf7!= -0.01/21 and Black is okay.]
21.Rdg1+- aiming for Nxd5!. **21...Rf7**

(Diagram)

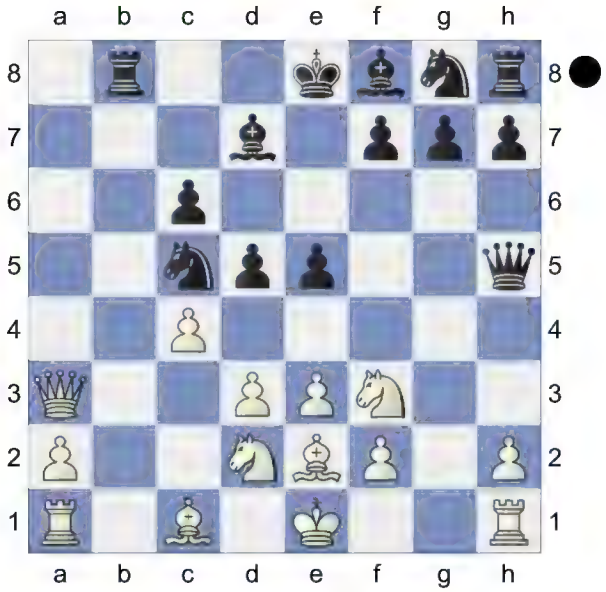


22.Nxd5 -0.03/27 **exd5 23.Qxd5 Ne7! 24.Rxg7+ Qxg7 25.Rxg7+ Kxg7 26.Qe5+ Kg8** 0.67/22
[Black should play 26...Kh6= -0.01/24]
27.Qxe4 0.01/21
[27.Qxc7± 0.67/22 Rbf8 28.Qe5]
27...Nf5 28.Qg4+ Ng7 29.e4? -2.27/24
[29.Qxh4= -0.01/23 and White has nothing to worry. Re8 *(29...Rbf8 30.f3∓)* 30.e4]
29...Rxf2 30.Qxh4 Rbf8 31.a3 Rg2 Repels Qg3 **32.e5?** -4.82/25
[32.Qe7 -1.73/23 is tougher.]
32...Rff2-+ 33.d5? -15.55/29
[33.Qd8+ -3.92/26 Kh7 34.Ka1]
33...Rxb2+ 34.Ka1 Ra2+ -5.29/5
[⌓34...Rbf2 -17.33/34 35.Qd8+ Rf8]
35.Kb1 Rab2+? -0.01/18
[Worse is 35...Rxa3 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Qh4+ *(37.Qxc7? perishes. Rb3+ 38.Ka1 Ra3+ 39.Kb1 Raa2-+)* 37...Kg8 38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Qh4+ Kg8=]
[35...Raf2-+ -15.76/32 (-> ...Rg1#) 36.Qxf2 Rxf2]
36.Ka1= Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.84

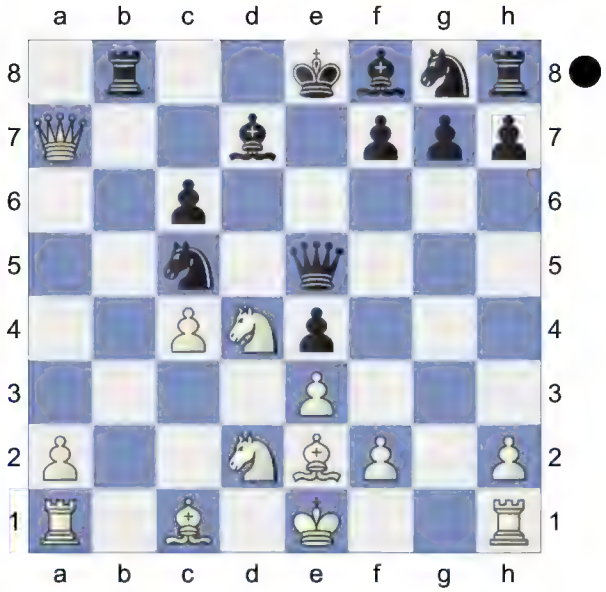
36...Rbf2
0-1

158 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Nagare Kaivalya Sandip** **2370**
Titled Tue 9th Sep 2025 blitz (4) 9.9.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c4 d6N
[3...Nge7 4.Nc3 Ng6 5.Nf3 *(5.h3 Bc5 6.d3 b6 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.e3 Nce7 9.e4 Nf4 10.Bxf4 exf4 11.a3 Ng6 12.Qd2 c6 13.d4 Be7 14.Ne2 d5 15.cxd5 Qd6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.e5 Qe6 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.d5 Qd7* 1-0 (29) Grob,H-Mosiman,K FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960*)* 5...Bc5 6.g5 *(6.d3 Nh4 7.Nxh4 Qxh4 8.e3 0-0 9.h3 d6* Quickstarter Guide-Grob Attack 1.g4*)* 6...Nf4 7.Bf1 d5 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxf4 Bf5 11.Rc1 dxc4 12.e3 Ne6 13.Qf3 Bd3 14.Bxd3 cxd3 15.0-0 0-0 2. Grob Attack 1.g4-2.Bg2]
4.d3 Bxg4 5.b4 Rb8
[5...Nxb4?! 6.Qb3=]
6.Qa4 Bd7 7.b5 Nd4 8.e3 -1.60/19
[⌓8.Nf3 -1.15/20]
8...Ne6∓ 9.Qxa7 -2.21/20
[9.Nc3∓ -1.53/19]
9...c6 10.bxc6 bxc6 11.Nd2 -2.35/21
[11.Qa4 -1.63/21]
11...Nc5 12.Qa3 Qg5 -1.11/19
[12...d5!-+ -2.18/20 13.Qc3 Nf6]
13.Bf1 d5 -0.43/21
[13...Nh6∓ -1.13/20 14.Ngf3 Qf6]
14.Ngf3∓ Qh5 0.45/21
[14...Qd8!∓ -0.67/23 15.Nxe5 d4]
15.Be2? -1.60/22
[15.Qa7± 0.45/21 keeps the upper hand. Rd8 16.Ba3]



15...e4!↑ Black is really pushing.
16.dxe4 -2.42/23
[16.Nd4∓ -1.05/20 Bg4 17.Qa7]
16...dxe4-+
[16...Nxe4 17.Qa7 Rd8 *(17...Bd6 18.c5±)* 18.Nd4=]
17.Nd4 Qe5 18.Qa7



aiming for f4. **18...Nf6** -0.29/24
[18...Bd6!∓ -1.18/22 and ...Nf6 should not be overlooked 19.Rg1 Ne7 *(19...Qxh2 20.Rg5=; 19...Nf6*

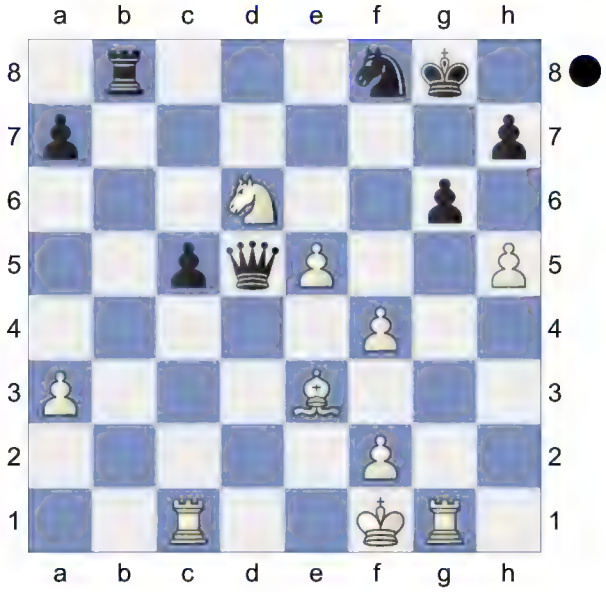
20.f4-+)]
19.Rb1 Bd6 0.69/23
[Black should play 19...Rc8∓ -0.64/22]
20.Ba3? -3.26/23
[20.f4!± 0.69/23 is the one way to stay ahead. exf3 21.N2xf3 Rxb1 22.Nxe5 Rxc1+ 23.Bd1 *(23.Kd2 Rxh1 24.Qa8+ Ke7∓)*]
20...Rxb1+ 21.Nxb1 0-0 22.Nc3? -5.41/22
[22.h3 -3.16/23 keeps fighting.]
22...Nd3+ 23.Bxd3 exd3 -2.46/20
[⌓23...Bxa3 -5.11/23 24.Qxa3 exd3]
24.Bxd6 Qxd6 25.c5 -3.76/21
[⌓25.Nb3 -2.67/23]
25...Qe5 26.Kd2 Qg5 27.Kxd3 Qg2 Prevents f3 **28.Re1 Qxf2**
[28...Qxh2? 29.f3-+]
29.Re2 Qf1 Black is clearly winning.
30.a4 -7.94/22
[⌓30.Kc2 -4.26/23 Bg4 31.Rd2 Bf5+ 32.Kb3]
30...Bg4 Pin **31.a5 Bxe2+ 32.Ncxe2 Qd1+ 33.Kc3 Nd5+ 34.Kc4 Nxe3+ 35.Kc3 Nd5+ 36.Kc4 Qa4+**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/Black=0.38
37.Kd3 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
1-0

159 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Paravyan,D** **2621**
Titled Tue 14th Jan Late blitz (1) 14.1.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 f5N
[2...Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Qxb7 *(5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0* 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c *)* 5...Nbd7 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Nc5 8.Qxc6+ Bd7 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.Q]
[2...c6 3.c4 *(3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.Nc3 hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5* 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)*)* 3...dxc4 4.Na3 Bxg4 5.Nxc4 Be6 6.b3 Nf6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nf3 g6 9.Ng5 Bd5 10.e4 Bxc4 11.bxc4 e5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.d4 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.e5 Nh5 16.f4 Nc5 17.Qg4 1-0 (49) Beerdsen,T (2494)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2591) Titled Tue 14. Jun Early 2022 (3)]
[2...e5 3.d4 e4 4.c4 Bxg4 5.Qb3 Nc6 6.cxd5 Bb4+ 7.Kf1 Nxd4 8.Qxb4 Qxd5 9.Nc3 Qd7 10.Be3 0-0-0 11.Bxe4 Nc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Qf8+ Kd7 16.Qxg7 Bh3+ 17.Ke1 1-0 (19) Godefroy,P-8.000 ♘xd4 9. ♕xd4 a6 10.f Wiesbaden 1988]
3.c4 d4 4.gxf5 Nc6 5.Qa4 Bxf5 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Qxc6+ Bd7 8.Qd5 White is better. **8...Nf6** Prevents d3. **9.Qxd4 e5** 1.87/23 **10.Qxe5++- Be7 11.d4** 1.08/24
[Better is 11.Nf3+- 1.69/23]
11...0-0

(Diagram)

12.Nf3! Re8 1.46/23
[⌓12...Ng4 0.93/23 13.Qd5+ Kh8]
13.Nc3± and Rg1 would now be decisive
13...Bg4 14.Be3? -1.87/26
[14.Qg3± 1.32/25 stays on course.]
14...Ba3-+ Discovered Attack **15.bxa3** -2.10/26
[⌓15.Qa5 -1.71/25 Bxf3 16.exf3 Bxb2 17.Kd2]
15...Bxf3! 16.exf3 Rxe5 17.dxe5 Qd3 18.Rc1 -4.82/25
[18.Ne2 -2.24/24 only move. Nh5 19.Rd1 Qxc4 20.Rg1]
18...Nd7 19.f4 Re8 -2.31/23
[19...Qxc4 20.Ne2 Qa6 *(20...Qxa2 21.Nd4∓)* 21.Rg1∓]
[⌓19...Rb8 -4.59/24 20.Ne2 Rb2 *(20...Qxa3 21.0-0=)*]
20.Rg1 Qxc4 -1.20/23
[Black should try 20...Nf8-+ -2.28/23 21.Bxa7 Qxc4]
21.Ne2∓ Qxa2 -0.31/23
[21...Qd5∓ -1.26/23 22.h4 Nf8 *(22...Qxa2 23.Rxc7 Qd5 24.Rg3=)*]
22.Nd4? -1.98/22
[22.Rxc7∓ -0.31/23 Qb1+ 23.Rc1]
22...c5 -1.25/21
[22...Qxa3-+ -1.98/22 Hoping for ... Nf8. 23.Nf3 Nf6]
23.Nf5 g6 Black has strong compensation. Chess con chili.
[23...Qxa3? 24.Rxg7+ *(24.Nxg7 Qb4+ 25.Ke2 Qb5+ 26.Ke1 Qb4+ 27.Ke2 Qb5+ 28.Kd2 Qa5+ 29.Kd1 Qa4+ 30.Ke1 Qb4+=)* 24...Kh8 25.Rxd7+-]
24.Nd6? -3.29/25
[24.h4∓ -1.02/23]
24...Rb8-+ 25.Kf1 Qd5
[25...Qxa3 26.Kg2=]
26.h4 Nf8 -1.69/22
[⌓26...Rb3 -4.20/21 27.Re1 c4 *(27...Rxa3 28.h5∓)*]
27.h5 -2.72/22
[27.Rg2 -1.69/22]



27...Rb3! 28.hxg6? -7.54/22
[28.Re1 -2.34/21]
28...hxg6? -2.85/22
[28...Rxa3 29.gxh7+ *(29.Bxc5 Qd3+ 30.Ke1 Ra2-+)* 29...Kxh7 30.Re1= *(30.Bxc5? Qd3+ 31.Ke1 Ra2-+; 30.Rxc5 Ra1+ 31.Rc1 Rxc1+ 32.Bxc1 Ng6∓)*]
[28...Rxe3 -7.54/22 29.Ne8 Qd3+ *(29...Rxa3? 30.Nf6+ Kg7 31.gxh7+*

Ng6 32.Nxd5+-) 30.Kg2 Rh3 *(30...Qxg6+ 31.Kf1±)* 31.gxh7+ Kh8 *(31...Rxh7? 32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Nxh7-+; 31...Kxh7? 32.Rxc5 Rh6 33.Nf6+ Kh8 34.Rh1-+; 31...Nxh7? 32.Rcd1-+)*]

29.Re1? -4.71/22

[29.Nc4 -2.85/22 might work better.]

29...c4

[29...Rxa3 30.Rg3∓]

30.f5 -6.36/20

[⌓30.Ne8 -4.12/20 Qc6 *(30...Rxa3?* too greedy. *31.Nf6+ Kf7 32.Nxd5+-)* 31.Nf6+ Kf7 32.Bc1]

30...Qxe5

[30...Rxa3 31.Rg3∓]

31.Nxc4 Qb5 32.Rc1 Qxf5

[32...Rxa3 33.Rg5∓]

33.Nd2? -9.75/21

[33.Rg5 -2.05/23 Qh3+ 34.Ke1]

33...Rb2? -3.13/20

[Weaker is 33...Rxa3 34.Rg3-+]

[33...Rxe3 -9.75/21 34.Rd1 Qh5 *(34...Rxa3? 35.Ke1-+)*]

34.Nc4 Qd3+ 35.Kg2 Rc2 Deflection

36.Ne5 -7.73/22

[36.Rxc2 -2.86/24 Qxc2 37.Rc1]

36...Qe4+ 37.Nf3 Rxc1 38.Rxc1 Qg4+ Deflection **39.Kf1 Qxf3 40.Rc7 Ne6 41.Rxa7 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Qg4+ 43.Kf1 g5 44.Ra8+ Kf7 45.Ra7+ Kg6 46.a4 Qd1+ 47.Kg2 Qd5+ 48.Kf1 g4 49.a5 Qh1+** -7.81/5

[⌓49...Qd1+ -#19/22 50.Kg2 Qf3+ 51.Kg1 g3 52.Ra6 gxf2+ 53.Bxf2 Kg5 54.Ra7 Nf4 55.Rg7+ Kh6 56.Rg8 Kh7 57.Rg5 Nh3+ 58.Kh2 Nxg5 59.Bh4 Qh3+ 60.Kg1 Qxh4 61.Kg2 Qf4 62.Kg1 Ne4 63.a6 Qf2+ 64.Kh1 Ng3#]

50.Ke2 Qf3+ 51.Kd2 Qd5+ 52.Ke2 Qc4+ 53.Ke1 Qc3+ 54.Ke2 Qc2+ 55.Kf1 Qd1+ 56.Kg2 Qf3+ 57.Kg1 g3 58.Ra6 Kf5 -11.93/26

[⌓58...gxf2+ -#19/25 59.Bxf2 Kh5 60.Rxe6 Qg4+ 61.Kh2 Qxe6 62.Kg3 Qg4+ *(62...Qe5+? 63.Kf3-+)* 63.Kh2 Qf3 64.Kg1 Kg4 65.a6 Qe4 *(65...Kh3? 66.Kf1-+)* 66.a7 Kf3 67.a8B Qxa8 68.Bh4 Qg8+ 69.Kf1 Qg2+ 70.Ke1 Qe2#]

59.Rb6 Qd1+ -7.34/5

[⌓59...Nf4 -#6/14 60.Rb5+ Kg4 61.Rg5+ Kxg5 62.Bxf4+ Kxf4 63.fxg3+ Kxg3 64.a6 Qg2#]

60.Kg2 gxf2 61.Bxf2 Qd5+ Black mates. **62.Kg1 Nf4 63.a6** Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/ Black=0.72

63...Qg2#

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160 **A00**

□ **Omariev,M** **2304**

■ **Rustemov,A** **2525**

Titled Tue 12th Aug Early blitz (3)

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 e6

[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Qd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 Rb6 19.Kd1 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]

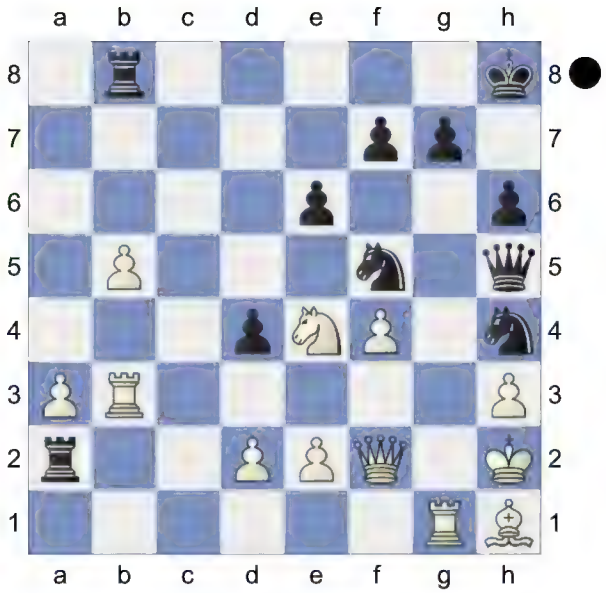
5.Qxb7N

[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.d4 Rb8 9.Qa6 Rb6 10.Qd3 Ng6 11.h3 Be6 12.Nf3 Bd6 Gomez Vasquez,L-Markus,R Chapter 10 Part 2]

5...Nd7 6.h3 Bh5 7.Nc3 Rb8 8.Qxc6

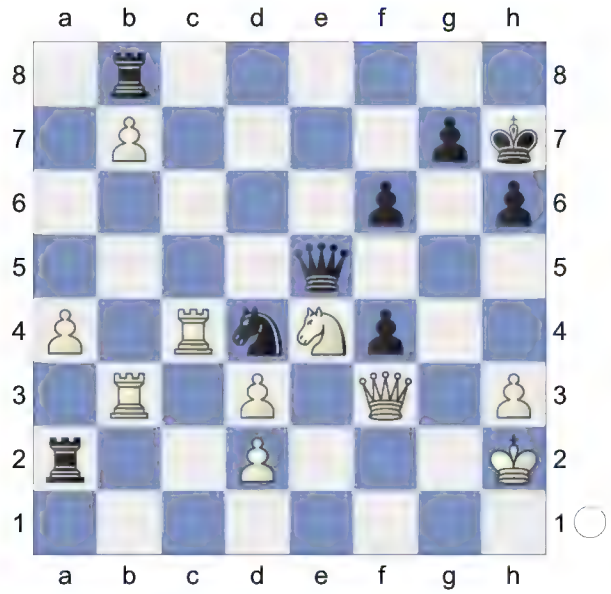
Black is better. **8...Rc8** -0.67/21
[8...Bc5∓ -1.12/21 Threatens to win with ...Ne7. 9.cxd5 Ne7]
9.Qa6∓ Rxc4 10.b3 -1.24/21
[10.Nf3∓ -0.66/20]
10...Rc8∓ 11.Ba3 -2.24/23 Against Bb4
[11.Nf3∓ -1.16/20]
11...Bxa3-+ 12.Qxa3 Ne7 13.Qxa7 0-0 14.Nf3 Nf5 Against Qe3 **15.0-0 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ne5** -1.83/22
[⌓16...Ra8 -4.30/23 17.Qb7 Qg5+ 18.Kh1 Ne5 *(18...Qxd2 19.Nxd5 Ne5 20.Ne7+ Nxe7 21.Qxe7=)*]
17.Bg2 Qf6? -0.70/20
[17...Nh4-+ -2.30/19 (-> ...Qg5) 18.Qe3 Neg6]
18.f4∓ Ng6 Black has compensation. A dynamic duo of knights. **19.Qf2** Dodges Ng3 **19...Ngh4 20.Bh1! Qg6+?** 1.42/21
[20...Rb8= -0.16/21]
21.Kh2± d4? 2.88/18
[21...Qh6± 1.29/20]
22.Ne4+- Rc2 3.66/19
[22...e5 2.57/19 23.fxe5 Qe6]
23.b4 Rb8 4.27/18
[23...d3 2.70/18 24.exd3 Qh6]
24.a3 2.31/18
[⌓24.a4 4.27/18]
24...Qh5 3.24/18
[24...d3 2.31/18 25.Rg1 Qh6]
25.Rg1 Kh8 3.84/19
[⌓25...Qh6 2.34/18 26.Rg4 Ng6]
26.Rab1 1.56/18
[26.a4+- 3.84/19]
26...Ra2± 27.Rb3 h6 2.79/19
[⌓27...Rb5 1.87/20 28.Rc1 h6]
28.b5+-

(Diagram)



f6? 3.94/20
[28...Rb6 1.71/19 29.Rg4 Rc2]
29.b6 Qe8 30.b7 Qe7? 5.05/21
[30...Rc2 2.47/19 31.Rgb1 Qe7]
31.Rc1 Qd7 32.Nc5 Qd6 33.Ne4? -0.01/20
[33.Nd3+- 5.48/21]
33...Qd7= Repels Rc8+ **34.a4 d3** 8.79/20
[34...Rxa4 35.Nc5 Qc7 36.Rbb1 *(36.Nxa4 Qxc1 37.e4 Nd6±)*]
[⌓34...Ng6 4.61/20 35.Nc5 Qd6]
35.exd3 Kh7 36.Nc5 Qd6 5.60/18
[⌓36...Qd4 3.64/19 37.Rf1 *(37.Qxd4 Nxd4 38.Rd1 Nxb3±)* 37...Ne3]
37.Rc4+- e5 38.Qe2? -0.05/19
[38.Rb1+- 5.82/19 exf4 39.Qxf4 *(39.Rxf4 Nf3+ 40.Qxf3 Rxd2+ 41.Bg2 Nh4-+)*]
38...exf4= (-> ...f3+) **39.Ne4↑** White fights for an advantage. **39...Qe5** 3.17/19
[39...Qe7= -0.01/19 40.Rb5 f3 41.Bxf3 Rxb7 42.Nxf6+ *(42.Rxb7? Qe5+ 43.Kg1 Ra1+-+)* 42...Qxf6 43.Bxb7 Qd6+ 44.Re5 Ng6 Pin]
40.Bf3?? -5.41/21
[40.Rb5+- 3.17/19 Qa1 41.Qf2]

40...Nxf3+ 0.01/18
[40...Ng3-+ -5.41/21 41.Qf2 f5]
41.Qxf3 Nd4



Some like it hot **42.Rxd4** Deflection **42...Qxd4 43.Qxf4 Rxb7??** 15.19/27 **44.Rxb7+-** Threatening mate with Qf5+. **44...Rxa4 45.Rb1** 7.32/23
[⌓45.Qf5+ #9/20 Kg8 46.Qe6+ Kh7 47.Nxf6+ *(47.Qxf6 Qxf6* Remove Defender *48.Nxf6+ Kg6+-)* 47...Kg6 48.Ne4+ *(48.Qf7+ Kf5 49.Ng4+ Qf6 50.Nxf6 Kf4 51.Ng4+ Kg5 52.Qxg7+ Kh5 53.Qxh6#)* 48...Qf6 49.Qe8+ *(49.Nxf6 gxf6 50.Qf7+ Kg5 51.Rb5+ f5 52.Rxf5+ Kh4 53.Qh5#)* 49...Kf5 50.Rb5+ Deflection *(50.Nxf6 Kxf6 51.Rb6+ Kg5 52.Qxa4 h5 53.h4+ Kf5 54.Qe4#)* 50...Kf4 51.Nxf6 gxf6 52.Qe3#]
45...Ra2 46.Qg3 5.15/24
[⌓46.Qf5+ #9/20 Kg8 47.Rb8+ *(47.Qe6+ Kh7 48.Qf5+ Kg8 49.Rb8+ Kf7 50.Qh5+ g6 51.Rb7+ Ke6 52.Qg4+ Kd5)* 47...Kf7 48.Qh5+ *(48.Rb7+ Kg8 49.Rb8+ Kf7 50.Qh5+ g6 51.Rb7+ Ke6 52.Qg4+ Kd5 53.Qd7+ Ke5 54.Rb5+ Qd5 55.Rxd5+ Kf4 56.Qg4#)* 48...g6 49.Rb7+ *(49.Qxh6 Qe5+ 50.Kg2 Qxb8±)* 49...Ke6 50.Qxg6 *(50.Qg4+ Kd5 51.Qd7+ Ke5 52.Rb5+ Qd5 53.Rxd5+ Kf4 54.Qg4#)* 50...Rxd2+ 51.Nxd2 Qe5+ 52.Kh1 Qe1+ 53.Qg1 Qxg1+ 54.Kxg1]
46...Qd5 47.Rg1 Qd7 48.Rg2 7.83/22
[⌓48.Nxf6+ #3/8 Kh8 49.Qb8+ Qe8 50.Qxe8#]
48...Qf7 49.Qe3 Ra7 50.Ng3 Re7 51.Qf3 g6 52.Ne4 f5 53.Ng3 Qf6 54.Nf1 Rd7 55.Re2 Qd6+ 56.Qg3 Qxd3? 9.08/23
[56...Qxg3+ 3.80/26 57.Kxg3 Rxd3+ 58.Kg2 g5]
57.Qxd3 4.19/28
[⌓57.Re7+ 9.08/23 Rxe7 58.Qxd3]
57...Rxd3 Endgame KRN-KR **58.Re3 Rd7 59.d3?** 1.27/26
[59.Kg2+- 3.64/22 is more deadly.]
59...Kg7 2.38/25
[59...g5± 1.27/26 60.h4 Kg6]
60.Nd2 Kf6? 3.32/25
[60...f4 1.72/24 61.Rf3 g5]
61.Nb3 g5 62.d4 Rd6 63.Rc3 f4 4.68/22
[63...h5 3.24/21 was worth a try. 64.h4 f4 65.hxg5+ Kxg5 66.Rc5+ Kg4]
64.Kg2 Kf5 65.Kf3 h5 66.Rc5+ Kf6 67.Ke4 Re6+ 68.Re5 Rb6 69.Nc5 Hoping for Nd7+. **69...Rb1 70.Re6+ Kf7 71.Kf5 f3 72.Kxg5?** -0.14/25
[Weaker is 72.Rf6+ Ke7±]
[72.Nd3+- 6.57/25]
Weighted Error Value: White=1.20/ Black=1.24
72...Rg1+
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161 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Sahib,Singh** **2413**
Titled Tue 22nd Jul Early blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.d4
[3.c4 dxc4 4.Qc2 c6 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Nd7 7.Nf3 Bxg4 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qxe5+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.d3 Kd7 13.Rg1 Rhe8 14.Bh1 g6 15.Bg5 h5 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.d4 a5 1-0 (71) Schein,K-Burk,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1)]
3...e4 4.c4
[4.h3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.c4 Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxe4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 h5 11.g5 Be6 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.Rd1 b5 16.a3 Ba7 17.Be1 0-0 18.g6 fxg6 1-0 (70) Tuturin,S (2240)-Sukhareva, O RUS-Cup02 Moscow 1998 (4)]
4...c6N
[4...Bxg4 5.Qb3 Nc6 6.cxd5 Bb4+ 7.Kf1 Nxd4 8.Qxb4 Qxd5 9.Nc3 Qd7 10.Be3 0-0-0 11.Bxe4 Nc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Qf8+ Kd7 16.Qxg7 Bh3+ 17.Ke1 Qf6 18.Qxf6 Nxf6 19.Nxh3 1-0 Godefroy,P-8.000 ♘xd4 9. ♕xd4 a6 10.f Wiesbaden 1988]
5.Nc3 Bb4! 6.Qb3 a5 7.h3 dxc4 8.Qc2 Black is better. **8...Qxd4 9.Be3 Qe5 10.Bxe4 Nf6 11.Bg2 Nd5** -0.17/22
[11...0-0∓ -0.82/20]
12.Bd2 -0.97/22
[12.Bxd5= -0.17/22 cxd5 *(12...Qxd5 13.Nf3∓)* 13.Nf3]
12...Bxc3∓ 13.bxc3 Nb4 -0.23/23
[13...Nf4∓ -0.70/21 14.Be4 Nd7]
14.Qb1 -0.87/24
[14.Qe4= -0.23/23 Qxe4 15.Bxe4]
14...Nd3+ 15.Kf1 Nf4 Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. **16.Be4 Nd5** -0.38/20
[16...Qd6∓ -0.83/22 17.Nf3 Nd7]
17.Nf3∓ Qe7 -0.01/21
[17...Qc7∓ -0.37/21]
18.Nd4= Na6 0.37/20
[18...Nf6!∓ -0.41/20 19.Bc2 Na6]
19.Kg2 -1.01/21
[19.Bxd5!± 0.37/20 was forced to keep a grip. cxd5 20.Qb5+ Qd7 21.Rb1]
19...Nc5∓ 20.Bc2 -1.19/19
[⌓20.f3 -0.72/20]

20...b5 -0.12/20
[20...Qe5!∓ -1.19/19 Hoping for ...h5. 21.a4 Be6]
21.e4!= Nf6↑ -0.05/21 Black has good play. A dynamic duo of knights.
[21...Nc7∓ -0.43/21]
22.Re1 Bb7? 3.28/20
[22...0-0= -0.01/20 and Black stays safe.]
23.e5? 1.24/20
[23.Nf5+- 3.28/20 Qe5 24.Nxg7+

Ke7 25.Nf5+ *(25.f4 Qc7±)* 25...Kd7 26.a4]

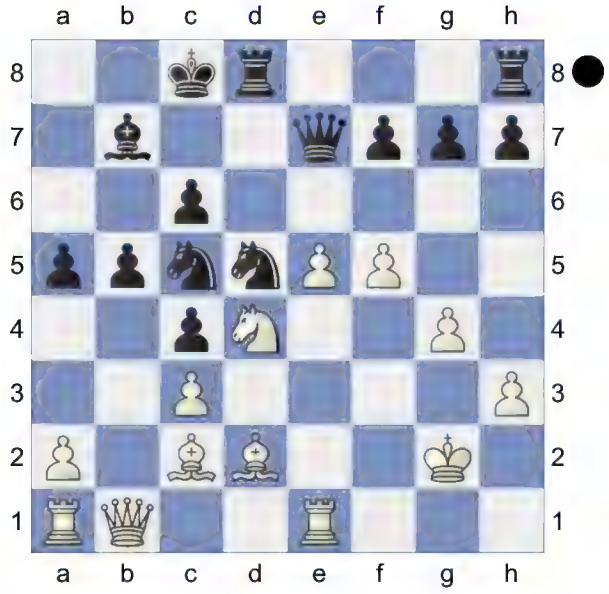
23...Nd5± 24.f4? -2.56/18

[24.Bxh7? Qh4 25.Nf5 Qxh7-+]

[24.Nf5!± 1.54/19 is necessary to keep the advantage. Qc7 25.Nxg7+ Kd7 26.Nf5 *(26.Bxh7 Kc8±)*]

24...0-0-0-+ 25.f5? -4.12/19

[25.Nf5 -2.47/17 Qf8 26.Ng3]



25...Nd3! 26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.a4? -6.22/19

[27.Kh2 -2.62/19 Qh4 28.Rf1 *(28.Qxd3?* is the wrong capture. *Qf2+ 29.Kh1 c5-+)*]

27...c5! 28.Nxb5 Black must now prevent Kg3. **28...Nxc3+ 29.Kh2 Nxb1 30.Raxb1 Qh4 31.Bf4**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.27/ Black=0.48

31...Qf2#

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162 **A00**

□ **Omariev,M** **2304**

■ **Shimanov,A** **2593**

Titled Tue 1st Apr Early blitz (3) 1.4.25

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 b5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.d4 e6 4.e4 Nce7 5.Nc3 c6 0.87/19

[5...b4= 0.20/19 remains equal.]

6.e5 Ng6 7.Nxb5 0.06/22

[7.Nf3± 0.77/20]

7...Nh4= 8.Be4 The position is equal.

8...f5 0.57/20

[8...Ba6= 0.01/20 9.Nc3 Qb6]

9.exf6? -2.66/21

[9.gxf5± 0.57/20 exf5 10.Bf3]

9...Nxf6-+ 10.Nc3 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 d5 12.Bg5 Qa5+ 0.01/22

[12...Be7-+ -2.16/23 13.Bxe7 Qxe7]

13.Nc3? -2.40/23

[13.Qd2= 0.01/22 and White stays safe. Qb5 14.Bxh4 Qxb2 15.Qd1 *(15.Qc3? Bb4-+* Pin *)* 15...dxe4 16.Ne2]

13...Ng6? -0.34/19

[13...Ba3!-+ -2.40/23 14.Rb1 *(14.Bxh4 Bxb2 15.Rb1 Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 0-0=)* 14...Bxb2 15.Bxh4 Qxc3+ *(15...Bxc3+ 16.Kf1∓)* 16.Kf1 0-0 *(16...Qxd4 17.Qxd4 Bxd4 18.Nf3∓)*]

14.Nge2 -1.84/20

[14.h4∓ -0.34/19 Ba3 15.Bd2 Bxb2 16.Nce2]

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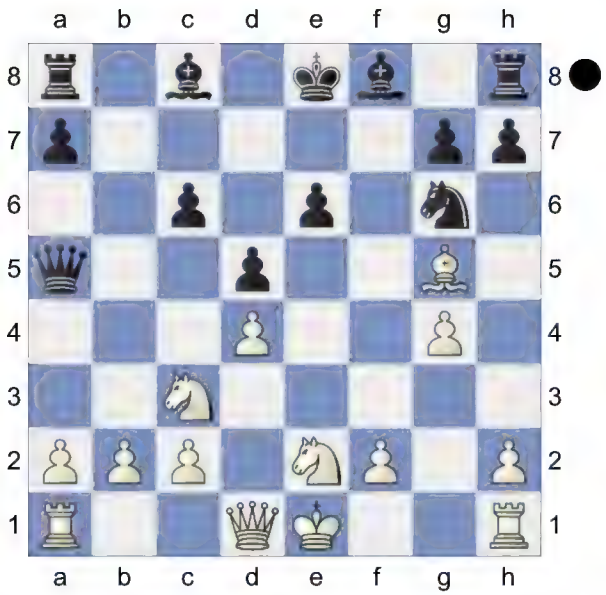
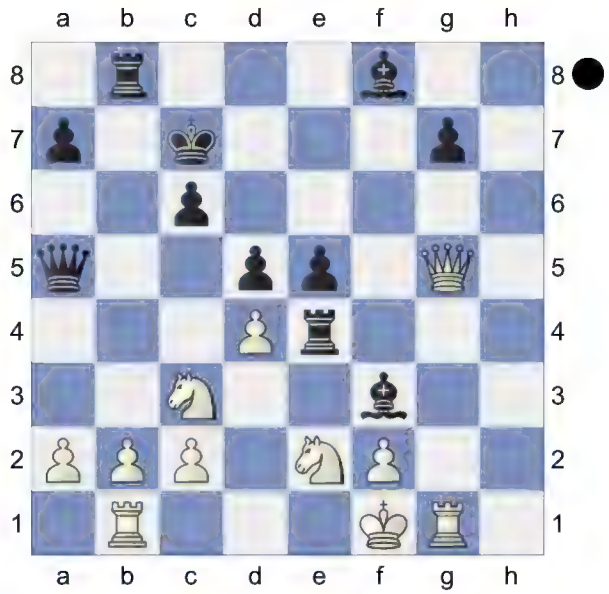


14...e5! ...Bd6 is the strong threat. **15.h3** -2.07/20
[15.Qd2∓ -1.59/18]
15...Rb8 16.Rb1 -2.55/20
[⌓16.0-0 -1.94/19]
16...h5? 0.48/21
[16...Bd6-+ -2.55/20 17.Rf1 h6 *(17...0-0? 18.Kd2-+)*]
17.gxh5± Rxh5 18.h4 Bg4? 2.52/19
[18...Nxh4!= 0.01/19 19.Bxh4 g5]
19.Rg1? -0.67/21
[19.Qd3+- 2.52/19 Ne7 20.dxe5]
19...Bf3 0.01/21 Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive.
[19...Nxh4∓ -0.67/21 20.Bxh4 Rxh4]
20.Qd2 Qe3 is the strong threat.
20...Nxh4 0.58/24
[20...Rb7= -0.01/21]
21.Bxh4 Rxh4 22.Qg5 Re4 23.Qg6+ -0.46/25
[White should try 23.Kf1!± 0.49/23]
23...Kd8∓ (-> ...Qxc3+!). Some like it hot
24.Qg5+? -7.99/25
[24.Kf1∓ -0.31/22 Bxe2+ 25.Nxe2]
24...Kc7 -3.21/23
[⌓24...Be7 -7.99/25 (-> ...Qxc3+) 25.Qd2 Qxc3 *(25...Bb4 26.Qg5+ Be7 27.Qd2-+)* 26.Qxc3 Bb4 Pin *(26...Bxe2? 27.f3+-)*]
25.Kf1-+



Qa6? -0.01/21
[25...Bxe2+!-+ -3.43/22 26.Nxe2 Qxa2 *(26...exd4 27.Nxd4 Qxa2 28.Kg2∓)*]
26.Qf5? -7.82/21 **Bxe2+** This pair of bishops is nice. **27.Kg2 Rf4**
[Inferior is 27...Rxd4 28.Qxe5+ Kc8 29.Qxd4±]
28.Qxe5+ Bd6 29.Qxg7+ -15.57/23
[⌓29.Qxe2 -4.11/20 Qc8 30.f3]
29...Kb6 30.Nxe2 Qxe2
Weighted Error Value: White=1.32/ Black=1.03
31.Rbe1
0-1

163 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Sinkar,Anagha Aniket** **1795**
Titled Tue 15th Jul Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.d4 exd4
[3...e4 4.h3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.c4

Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxe4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 h5 11.g5 Be6 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.Rd1 b5 16.a3 Ba7 17.Be1 0-0 18.g6 1-0 (70) Tuturin,S (2240)-Sukhareva, O RUS-Cup02 Moscow 1998 (4)]

4.Qxd4 Nc6N

[4...Be6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bc5 *(6...Nf6 7.Ne5 Bd6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qxc6+ Bd7 10.Qc3 Bxg4 11.Bxd5 0-0 12.Bxa8 Qxa8 13.f3 Re8* 4. Other first move openings-Grob's Opening 2 *)* 7.c4 Nge7 8.Ng5 0-0 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 Ng6 Various First Moves 26 A Grandmaster Guide: The Reti, King's I]

5.Qxd5 Qxd5 6.Bxd5 Bxg4 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Nc3 The position is equal.

8...Nf6 9.Bd2 Bf5 0.01/21

[9...0-0-0∓ -0.37/21 deserves consideration.]

10.0-0-0= Bc5 11.f3 0-0 12.e4 Be6 13.Nge2 Rab8 1.08/19

[13...Nh5= 0.19/20]

14.Nf4 0.57/21

[Better is 14.Na4± 1.08/19 Be7 15.Bf4]

14...Bc4± 15.Nd3 Bd4 16.b3 Black is now going downhill. **16...Be6** 2.44/21

[16...Bxd3± 0.64/21 17.cxd3 Rfe8]

17.Ne2+- Bb6 18.Ne5 c5 19.c4 Rbd8 3.07/20

[⌓19...Nh5 1.75/19]

20.Bg5 1.27/23

[20.Nf4+- 3.07/20 has better winning chances.]

20...h6? 3.02/20

[20...Rxd1+± 1.27/23 21.Rxd1 Nxe4 22.fxe4 f6]

21.Bxf6 gxf6

[21...Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 gxf6 23.Rg1+ *(23.Nd7 Bxd7 24.Rxd7 f5±)* 23...Kh7 24.Nd3±]

22.Nc6 Rd6 23.Rxd6 cxd6 24.Ne7+ Kh7 25.Nf4 1.29/25

[25.Ng3+- 2.63/22]

25...Re8? 4.85/27

[25...Bd8± 1.29/25 is more resistant. 26.Nc6 f5 27.Nxd8 *(27.Nxa7? Bg5-+)* 27...Rxd8]

26.Ned5? 1.26/25

[26.Nh5+- 4.85/27]

26...Bxd5? 3.36/25

[26...Bd8± 1.26/25 might work better.]

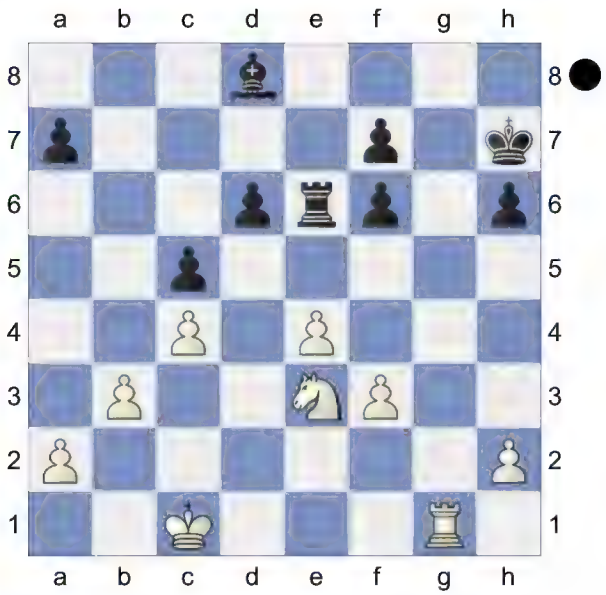
27.Nxd5± Endgame KRB-KRN

[Weaker is 27.cxd5 Bd8=]

27...Re6 4.67/24

[27...Bd8 2.83/23 28.Ne3 Rg8]

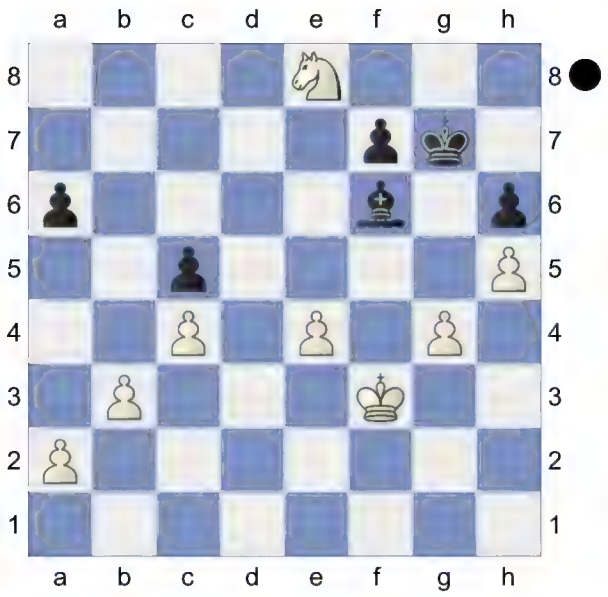
28.Rg1+- Bd8 29.Ne3



And now Nf5 would win. **29...f5 30.Nxf5 Bg5+ 31.Kc2 Rg6 32.h4 Bf4** 6.00/25

[32...Bf6 3.43/25 33.Rxg6 fxg6 34.Nxd6 Bxh4]

33.Rg4 Be5 34.h5 Rxg4 35.fxg4 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **35...Bf4 36.Kd3 Be5 37.Ke3 Bh2 38.Kf3 Be5 39.Ne7 Bf6 40.Nc8 a6 41.Nxd6 Kg7 42.Ne8+**



Deflection. White mates. **42...Kh8 43.Nxf6 a5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=1.00
44.Nd7
1-0

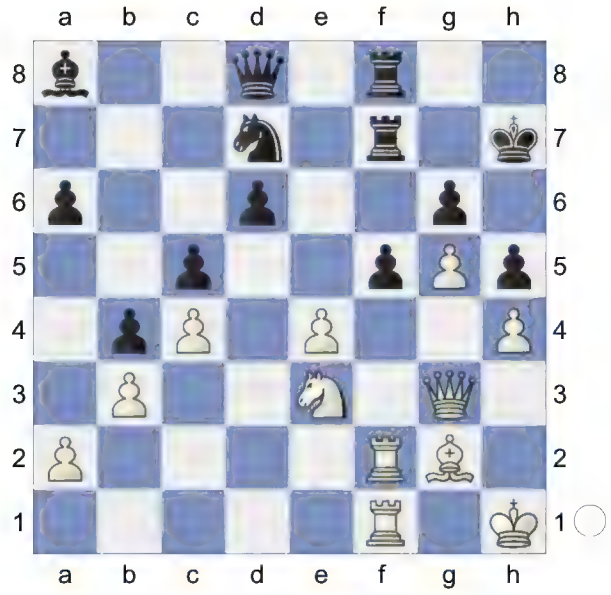
164 **A00**
□ **Omariev,Maksim** **2304**
■ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2680**
Titled Tue 8. Feb Early (1) 08.02.2022
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c4 d6 4.h3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.d3 Nf6N** 0.05/16
[6...h5∓ -0.37/16]
[6...e5 7.Bd5 Nge7 8.Nf3 Nb4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 Nbxd5 11.cxd5 a6 12.a4 b6 13.e4 Bd7 14.Be3 h5 15.g5 f5 The Grob-B: 1...c5 2006]
7.e4 -0.32/19
[7.f4= 0.05/16 feels stronger.]
7...Rb8 0.05/18
[7...e5∓ -0.32/19]
8.Nge2 The position is equal. **8...a6 9.f4 h5 10.g5 Nd7 11.Be3** -0.33/17
[11.f5= 0.04/18]
11...Nd4 0.11/18
[11...b5∓ -0.33/17]
12.Qd2 b5 13.0-0 0-0 0.12/18
[13...b4∓ -0.42/18 14.Nd5 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 e6 16.Nf6+ Nxf6 *(16...Bxf6 17.gxf6 Qxf6 18.Rad1=)* 17.gxf6 Bxf6 *(17...Qxf6 18.b3∓)*]
14.Rab1 -0.38/19
[14.f5= 0.12/18]
14...Bb7 0.11/18
[14...b4∓ -0.38/19 15.Nd1 e6]
15.Kh1 -0.53/20
[15.f5= 0.11/18]
15...e6 16.b3 Qa5 -0.13/19
[16...b4∓ -0.56/16 should be considered. 17.Bxd4 cxd4]
17.Rf2 -0.50/19
[17.Nxd4= -0.13/19 was preferrable. cxd4 18.Ne2 Qxd2 19.Bxd2]
17...Rfe8 18.Rbf1 Ba8 19.h4= 0.01/15
Qb4 20.Qc1 Qa5 0.01/15
[20...Bc6∓ -0.42/19 is superior.]
21.Bd2 -1.00/22 **Nxe2 22.Rxe2 b4 23.Na4 Qc7** -0.47/17
[Better is 23...Bc6∓ -1.12/20 24.Qc2 Bxa4 25.bxa4 Nb6]
24.Qe1 Re7 25.Bc1 Rbe8 -0.03/19
[25...Qa5!∓ -0.65/19]
26.Bb2= f6 0.58/22
[Black should play 26...a5= -0.14/19]
27.Qg3 0.01/21
[27.gxf6± 0.58/22 Bxf6 28.Qg3]
27...f5 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Nb2 -0.35/19
[29.Kg1= 0.01/19]
29...Rf8 0.49/20
[29...Nb8!∓ -0.35/19]
30.Nd1± Qd8 31.Ne3 fxe4 1.83/20
This move loses the game for Black.
[Black should try 31...Nb8± 0.54/20]
32.dxe4+- Ref7 33.Ref2 1.41/19
[33.Rd1+- 1.84/21]
33...Kh7 2.39/20

[33...a5± 1.41/19 34.Kh2 Kg8]

34.f5 exf5? 3.36/24

[34...Qb8 1.71/21 might work better. 35.fxg6+ *(35.fxe6 Rxf2 36.Rxf2 Ne5±)* 35...Kxg6 36.Rxf7 Rxf7 37.Rxf7 Kxf7 38.Qf3+ Kg8 39.Qxh5 Ne5]



35.exf5

[35.Qxd6 f4 *(35...Qe7 36.Qxe7 Rxe7 37.Nd5±)* 36.Kg1 *(36.Qxa6?* perishes. *Ne5-+; 36.Rxf4 Rxf4 37.Rxf4 Rxf4±)* 36...Qe8 37.Rxf4 Rxf4 38.Rxf4 Rxf4 39.Qxf4 Kg8±]

35...Bxg2+ 36.Qxg2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.41. Mistake: White=9 Black=14 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=8 Black=2 Best: --- Black=1

1-0

165 **A00**

□ **Omariev,M** **2304**

■ **Skliarov,V** **2334**

Titled Tue 6th May Early blitz (8) 6.5.25

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c4 d6 4.h3 e5 5.d3 Be7N

[5...g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6 8.b3 Be6 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.e3 d5 11.Nge2 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.0-0-0 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.N4g3 h5 17.h4 Ng6 18.Kb1 Nd4 19.f4 Nxe2 20.Nxe2 1-0 (27) Duda,J (2731)-Sonis,F (2562) Titled Tue 16th Apr Early blitz 2024 (11)]

6.Nc3 h5 7.gxh5 Rxh5 8.e4 -0.85/17

[8.Bd2= -0.21/17 keeps the balance.]

8...Nf6 9.Nge2 Nd4 -0.43/23

[9...g6∓ -0.81/20]

10.Ng3 -0.89/19

[10.Nd5∓ -0.43/23 g6 11.Nxe7 Kxe7 *(11...Qxe7 12.Rb1∓)* 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.f4]

10...Rh7 11.Bg5 -1.47/21

[⌓11.Nce2 -0.79/19]

11...Bd7 -0.50/19

[11...Nd5∓ -1.47/21 12.Bc1 Nb4]

12.Nce2 -1.22/20

[White should play 12.Nf5!∓ -0.50/19]

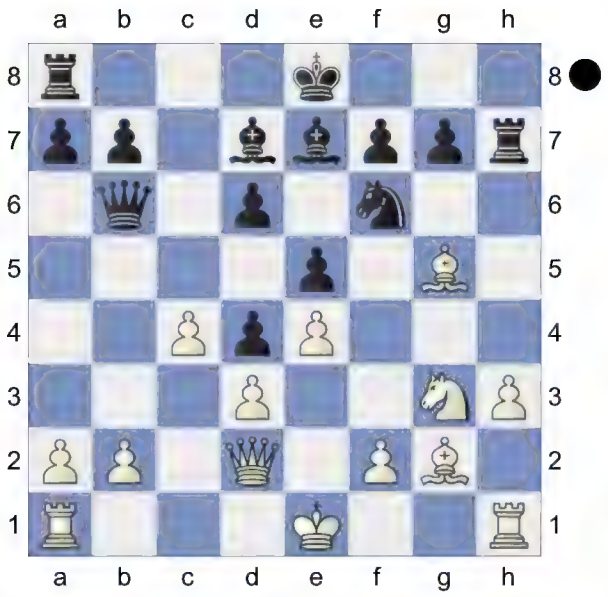
12...Qb6 -0.58/20 Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive.

[12...g6∓ -1.22/20 13.Bd2 Qb6]

13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Qd2 -1.79/21

[14.h4∓ -0.86/19 was called for.]

(Diagram)



14...g6 -0.87/22
[14...d5!-+ -1.79/21 15.0-0-0 *(15.cxd5? Bb4-+* Pin *)* 15...dxc4 16.dxc4 Bb4]
15.0-0-0∓ 0-0-0 -0.82/23
[⌓15...Qa6 -1.34/21 16.Kb1 Qa4]
16.Kb1 Rdh8 17.h4 Qd8 18.Bh3 Bxh3 19.Rxh3 Nh5 20.Nxh5 Rxh5 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Qa5 -0.90/23
[22.f4!∓ -0.50/22]
22...b6 -0.49/24
[22...Rxh4 23.Rxh4 Rxh4 24.Qxa7=]
[22...Kb8∓ -0.90/23 23.a3 g5 *(23...Rxh4 24.Rxh4 Rxh4 25.Rc1∓)*]
23.Qd5∓ Rf3 would now be deadly.
23...Kc7 0.44/23
[Black should try 23...Qb7!∓ -0.32/26 24.Qxd6 Qd7 25.Qxd7+ Kxd7]
24.Rf3± R8h7 2.42/24
[24...R5h7± 0.41/22]
25.b4? 0.01/23
[25.Qa8+- 2.42/24]
25...Qe6⇄ Black puts up resistance
[25...Rxh4?! 26.Qa8±]
26.Qb5 -1.08/22
[26.Qa8= 0.01/27 Qg4 27.Qxa7+ Kc8 28.Qa6+ Kd8 29.Qxb6+ Kd7 30.c5 Qxf3 31.Qxd6+ Ke8 *(31...Kc8 32.Qc6+ Kd8 33.Qd6+ Kc8 34.Qa6+ Kd7 35.Qa7+ Kc8 36.Qa6+ Kd8 37.Qd6+ Kc8=)* 32.Qb8+ Ke7 *(32...Kd7 33.Qd6+ Kc8 34.Qa6+ Kc7 35.Qb6+ Kc8 36.Qa6+ Kc7 37.Rc1=)* 33.Qd6+ Ke8]
26...Qg4 -0.01/29
[26...Rxh4∓ -1.08/22 Strongly threatening ...Qg4. 27.c5 dxc5 28.bxc5 Qc6 29.Qxc6+ *(29.cxb6+ Qxb6 30.Qxb6+ axb6∓)* 29...Kxc6 30.cxb6 Kxb6 *(30...axb6 31.Rf6+ Kb5 32.Ka1∓)* 31.Rf6+ Kb5]
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
27.Qa6? -6.14/25 **Qxf3-+ 28.Qxa7+ Kd8 29.Qxb6+ Ke7 30.Qc7+ Kf6 31.Qxd6+ Kg7 32.Rd2 Qf6 33.Qxf6+ Kxf6 34.b5 Rxh4 35.a4?** -5.66/24
[35.c5 -3.45/24 Rh8 36.c6]
35...Rh1+ 36.Ka2 Ke7 37.c5 Kd7 38.a5 Rc1 Inhibits Rc2. **39.c6+ Kc7 40.Rb2 Rh8 41.Kb3 Rb8 42.Kb4 Rxc6 43.f4 exf4 44.Rf2 Rf6 45.e5 Rf5 46.Re2 f3 47.Rc2+ Kd7 48.b6 f2 49.Rc7+ Ke6 50.Rc6+ Kxe5 51.Rc5+ Kd6 52.Rxf5 gxf5 53.Kb5 f1Q 54.Ka6 Qxd3+** -33.69/5
[⌓54...Ra8+ -#4/10 55.Kb5 Qb1+ Deflection *(55...Qxd3+* leads to mate. *56.Ka4 Qc2+* Deflection *57.Ka3 Rxa5+ 58.Kb4 Qc3#)* 56.Ka4 Qxb6 57.Ka3 Rxa5#]
55.Ka7

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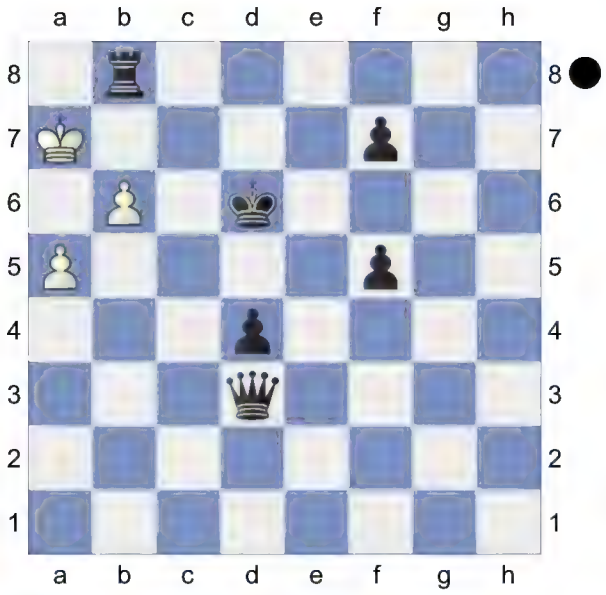

Qb5! (-> ...Rh8) **56.b7**
[56.Kxb8 Qa6]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.52
56...Qxb7#
0-1

166 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Sturt,R** **2459**
Titled Tue 29th Apr Late blitz (4) 29.4.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
At first sight this game looks like a convincing win for Black but there are mistakes on both sides. First of all both players seem to underestimate the strength of 8...Nf4, and secondly the position seems to be unclear after 13.e3. Of course none of it seems to be particularly promising for White... **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.h3**
[3.c4 d4 4.h3 e5 5.d3 Nge7 6.Nd2 h5 7.gxh5 Rxh5 8.Ngf3 Ng6 9.Ne4 f5 10.Ng3 Rh8 11.h4 f4 12.Ne4 Nxh4 13.Kd2 Qe7 14.Nxh4 Rxh4 15.Kc2 Bg4 16.Bd2 0-0-0 17.a3 a6 1-0 (76) LeelaChessTest (3045)-pawn_git (2890) Rapid 2025]
3...e5 4.c4 dxc4 5.Qa4 Bd6N -0.35/20
[5...Nge7∓ -1.33/19 Strongly threatening ...Be6. 6.Nc3 *(6.Nf3 Ng6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.h4 Bb4 9.Ng5 Bd7 10.Bd5 0-0 11.Qc2 Bxg4 12.Qe4 Bd7 13.Nxh7 Nd4 14.h5 Nf4 15.Nxf8 Qxf8 16.Kf1 Re8 17.Bxc4 Bc6 18.Nd5 Qc5 19.d3 Nxd5 20.Rg1 Nf4* 1-0 (22) Bass,L (2485)-Magem Badals,J (2460) Leon 1990 (6) *21.Qe3 Qf8 22.Qg3 Ndxe2* 0-1 Basman,M (2400)-Miles,A (2565) Manchester Benedictine op 4th 1981 (4) *)* 6...Be6]
6.Bxc6+∓ bxc6 7.Qxc6+ Bd7 8.Qxc4 Black is slightly better. **8...h5 9.gxh5 Rxh5** next ...Kf8 is good for Black.
10.Nc3 -0.67/21
[10.d3!= -0.07/20]
10...Rh4 0.55/20
[10...Rb8∓ -0.67/21 11.a3 Nf6]
11.Qd3 -0.60/20
[11.Ne4± 0.55/20]
11...Rb8 0.01/19
[11...Kf8∓ -0.60/20]
12.Nf3= Rf4 1.72/22
[12...Rh5= 0.09/19]
13.Rg1 0.79/20
[13.Qh7!+- 1.72/22 is more deadly.]
13...Bf5? 2.64/22
[13...g6± 0.79/20]
14.Qa6? -0.01/20
[14.Qe3+- 2.64/22]
14...Rb6 15.Qxa7 e4? 1.85/22
[15...Bxh3? 16.Nd5+- *(16.Rxg7 Rg4±)*]
[15...Rxf3?! 16.exf3 Kf8 17.b4±]
[15...Ne7!= 0.01/20 and Black stays safe. 16.d4 *(16.Rxg7? Kf8-+)* 16...Rxf3 Remove Defender 17.exf3

Bb4 *(17...Bxh3 18.Rh1+-; 17...exd4 18.Qa4+ Kf8 19.Qxd4±)* 18.dxe5 Bxc3+ 19.bxc3 Nc6]

16.Nd4 0.99/21

[16.Rxg7 Kf8 17.Rg3 exf3-+]

[16.d3+- 1.85/22 Rxf3 17.exf3 *(17.dxe4 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Be5=)* 17...exd3 18.Rxg7]

16...Bc5 1.77/23

[16...Qh4± 0.99/21 17.Qa4+ *(17.Rxg7 Qxf2+ 18.Kd1 Qxd4-+; 17.Qa8+ Kd7±)* 17...c6 18.Rxg7 *(18.Nxc6? Qxf2+ 19.Kd1 Qxg1+-+)* 18...Kf8 19.Nxf5 Rxf5 *(19...Qxf2+ 20.Kd1∓)*]

17.Qa4+!+-

[17.Rxg7 Kf8 18.Nxf5 Rxf5-+]

17...Kf8 2.53/22

[17...Bd7 1.88/21 keeps fighting. 18.Qc4 Qh4 19.Rxg7 *(19.Qxc5 Qxf2+ 20.Kd1 Rf5∓)* 19...Qh8 *(19...Qxf2+ 20.Kd1=)* 20.Qxc5 *(20.Rxg8+ Qxg8 21.d3 Qg1+ 22.Kd2 Qg5±)* 20...Qxg7]

18.e3 And now Nc6 would win.

18...Bxd4 19.exf4? -0.44/23

[19.Qxd4+- 2.74/22 Qxd4 20.exd4]

19...c5⇄ 0.01/22 Black puts up resistance

[19...Bxh3? 20.Ne2 Bc5 21.Qa5+- *(21.Qxe4 Nf6±)*]

[19...Ne7∓ -0.44/23]

20.b3 -0.56/23

[20.Ne2= 0.01/22 Bxb2 21.Bxb2 Rxb2 22.Rd1]

20...Ne7∓

[20...Bxh3 21.Ba3±]

21.Ba3? -4.34/24

[21.Bb2∓ -0.47/20]

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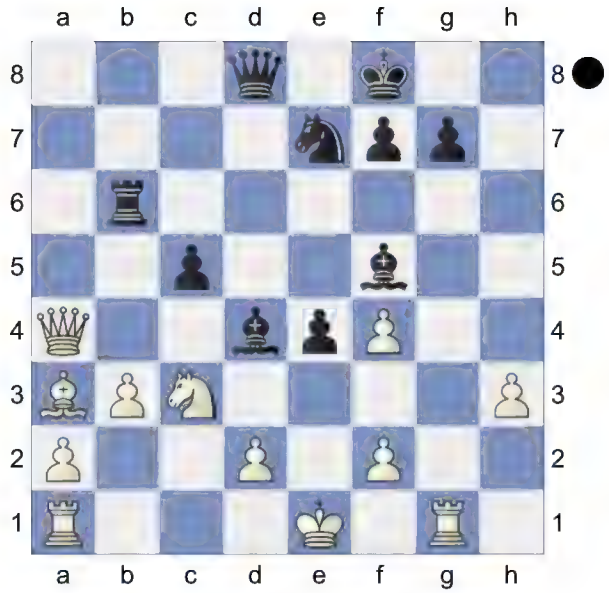

21...Bxf2+! 0.01/21 **22.Kxf2= Qxd2+ 23.Ne2 e3+ 24.Kf3 Qd5+ 25.Kg3?** -18.97/25

[25.Kxe3= 0.01/27 Re6+ 26.Kf2 Rxe2+ 27.Kxe2 Qd3+ 28.Kf2 Qd2+ 29.Kf3 Qd3+ 30.Kf2]

25...Bd7? -0.01/20

[25...Rh6-+ -18.97/25 26.h4 Bg4]

26.Qc4? -8.98/25

[26.Rad1= -0.01/20 Rg6+ 27.Kh2]

26...Qh5-+ 27.f5 Nxf5+? 0.59/21

[Black should play 27...Qxf5-+ -8.93/24 28.Nf4 g5]

28.Kh2± Nd6 29.Nf4

[29.Qxc5? Qxh3#]

29...Qe5 7.39/25

[29...Nxc4± 0.79/22 30.Nxh5 Nxa3]

30.Bxc5+- Rc6 31.Bxd6+ Rxd6 32.Rae1?? -6.50/25

[32.Rad1+- 6.82/25 e2 33.Rxd6 *(33.Qxe2 Qxf4+ 34.Rg3 Bb5+-)* 33...Qxd6 34.Re1]

32...g5?? 2.32/24

[32...Rd4-+ -6.50/25 and all is fine. 33.Qxd4 *(33.Qe2? Qxf4+ 34.Rg3 Rd2-+* Pin *)* 33...Qxd4]

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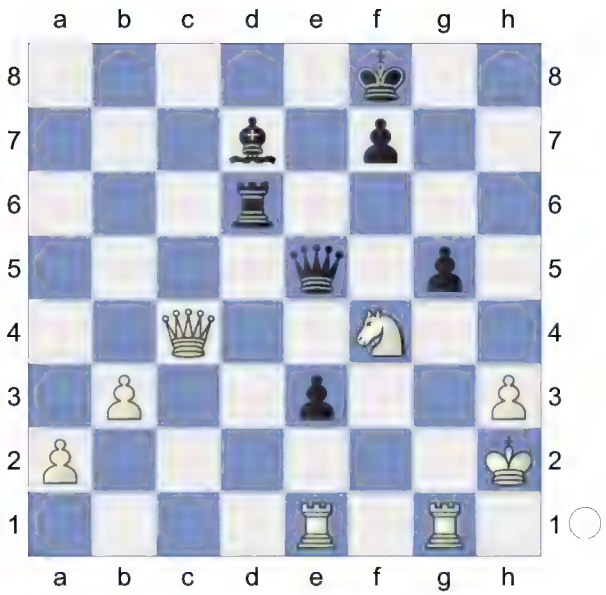
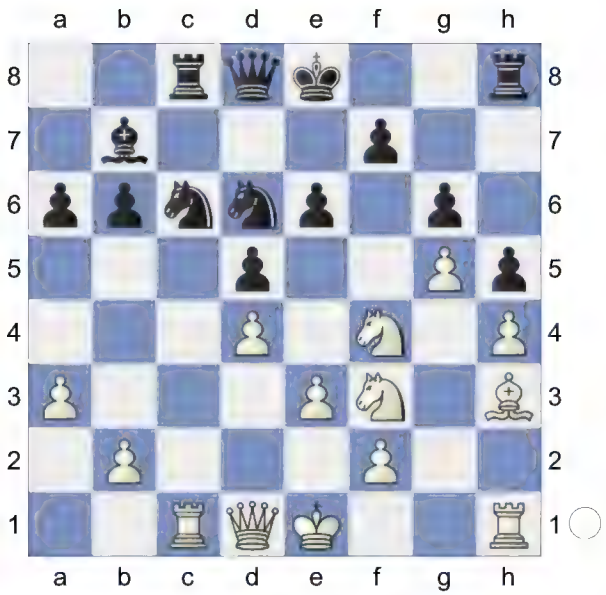


33.Kh1?? -16.03/24 **Bc6+ 34.Kh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.54/ Black=1.38
34...gxf4
[34...Qxf4+ 35.Qxf4 gxf4 36.Rg4-+]
0-1

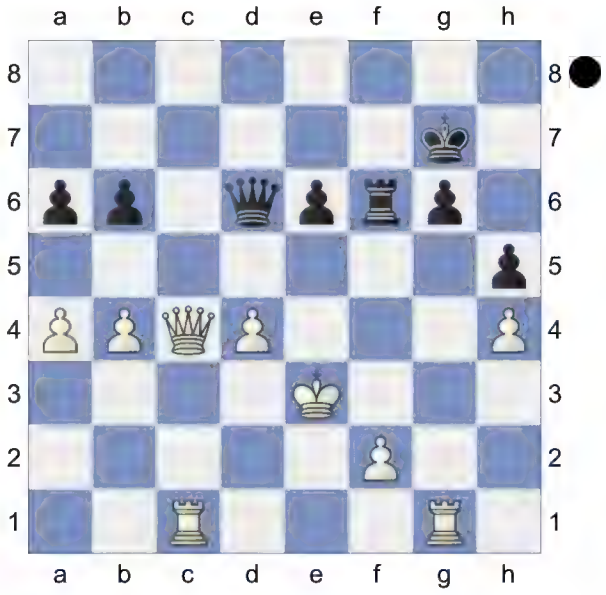
167 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Suvradeepta,D** **2230**
Titled Tue 17th Jun Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 h5 2.g5 e6N
[2...g6 3.Bg2 d5 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nc3 c6 6.Nxe4 Bg4 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Qe2 Ne5 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 Bg7 12.c3 e6 13.d4 Ne7 14.Nf6+ Bxf6 15.Qxf6 0-0 16.Bf4 Nd5 17.Qxd8 0-1 (84) Vovk,O (2315)-Svidler,P (2723) Titled Tuesday 15. Sept 2020 (1)]
[2...h4 3.g6 fxg6 4.d4 e6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.e3 Bb4 7.Bd3 Qf6 8.Bd2 Nh6 9.Ne4 Bxd2+ 10.Kxd2 Qe7 11.Nh3 d5 12.Neg5 Nf5 13.f4 Qb4+ 14.c3 Qxb2+ 15.Qc2 Qa3 16.Nf3 Bd7 17.Rhg1 1-0 (27) Vachier Lagrave,M (2774)-Wei,Y (2721) chess.com Speed 2019 (1.27)]
[2...e5 3.d4 d5 4.dxe5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.c3 Qd7 7.Bf4 Nge7 8.e3 h4 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.Qa4 Rb8 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0-0 Rb6 14.Nc4 Rb5 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Nd4 Qe4 17.Nd2 1-0 (23) Fedoseev,V (2674)-Grover,S (2509) Airthings Masters Play-In 2023 (7)]
3.d4 Ne7 4.c4 d5 5.Nc3 b6 0.24/21
[5...g6∓ -0.33/20]
6.Bg2 Bb7 7.h4 c6 0.21/20
[7...g6 -0.20/21]
8.cxd5 The position is equal. **8...cxd5**
9.Bf4 a6 Inhibits Nb5. **10.Rc1 Nf5** 0.77/23
[10...Nbc6= 0.22/20]
11.e3 Bd6 12.Nce2 g6 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.a3 Rc8 0.38/23
[14...a5= 0.00/23]
15.Bh3± Bxf4 0.75/24
[15...Nce7= 0.21/23]
16.Nxf4± White wants to play Bxf5.
16...Nd6 1.18/21
[16...Nce7!= 0.15/22]

(Diagram)



17.Nd3 -0.11/21
[17.Bxe6!± 1.18/21 fxe6 18.Nxg6]
17...Ne7 0.72/23
[17...a5= -0.11/21]
18.Nfe5 0.01/22
[18.Rxc8± 0.72/23 Qxc8 19.0-0]
18...Nef5? 1.78/24
[18...Rxc1= 0.01/22 19.Qxc1 0-0]
19.Bxf5 0.35/25
[19.Rxc8+- 1.78/24 Bxc8 20.Bxf5 Nxf5 21.Qa4+ Kf8 22.Kd2]
19...Nxf5? 2.09/26
[Better is 19...Rxc1± 0.35/25 20.Nxc1 *(20.Qxc1 Nxf5 21.Qd1 Qc7±)* 20...Nxf5]
20.Ke2? -0.01/25
[20.Qa4++- 2.09/26 Kf8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Qc6]
20...0-0 0.42/24
[20...Rxc1= -0.01/25 21.Qxc1 Qd6]
21.b4 -0.14/22
[21.Rxc8± 0.42/24 Bxc8 22.Qa4]
21...Qd6 22.Nf3 -0.91/24
[22.Qa4= 0.01/25 remains equal.]
22...Qd7 0.03/22 Black is more active.
[22...Bc6∓ -0.91/24]
23.Qb3= Kg7 24.a4
[24.Nfe5 simplifies Qe7 25.a4 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rc8 27.Rxc8 Bxc8 28.a5]
24...Qd6 0.36/23
[24...Bc6= -0.01/23 deserves consideration.]
25.Nde5 f6? 4.22/24
[25...Bc6= 0.01/23 and Black is okay.]
26.gxf6++- Rxf6 27.Rhg1 Rc4 28.Nxc4 dxc4 29.Qxc4 Bxf3+ 30.Kxf3 Nxe3+? 7.41/24
[30...Qf8 3.26/22 31.Qc7+ *(31.Qxa6 Nd6+ 32.Ke2 Rxf2+ 33.Ke1 Qf3∓)* 31...Ne7+ 32.Ke2 Rxf2+ 33.Ke1 *(33.Kd3 Qf5+ 34.Kc3 Kf7±)* 33...Rf5]
31.Kxe3



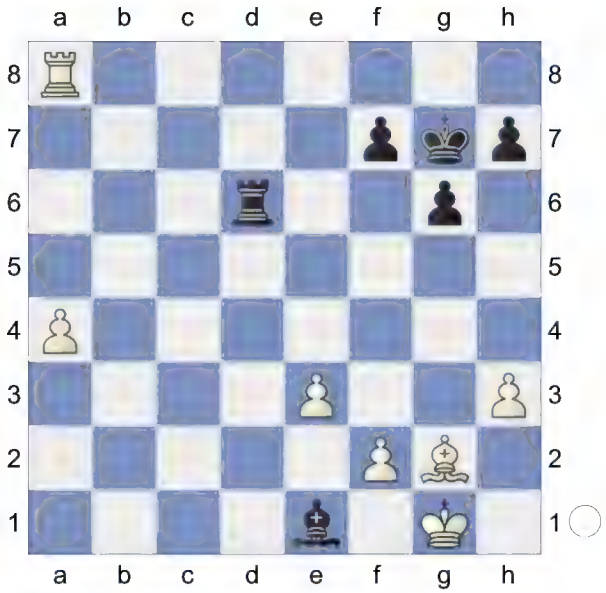
and Qc7+ should not be overlooked
31...Qf4+ 32.Kd3 Qxf2 33.Qc7+
[33.Qxa6? Rf3+ 34.Ke4 Re3#]
33...Kh6 34.Qe5?? -#3/8
[34.Qxb6? is a self mate. Rf3+ 35.Kc4 Qa2+ 36.Kc5 Qd5#]
[34.Qc2+- 7.58/22]
34...Rf3+ 35.Ke4 What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.91

35...Qe3#
0-1

168 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Svane,R** **2619**
Titled Tue 26th Aug Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

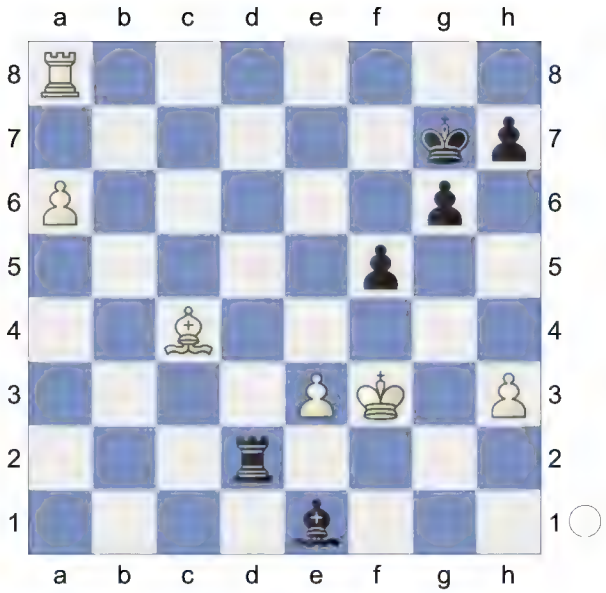
A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Qxb7
[5.Nc3 Qd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6 8.Ne3 e5 9.Nxg4 Nxg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc4 Bd6 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Nf6 15.a3 e4 16.Nd4 g6 17.d3 exd3 18.exd3 Rb6 19.Kd1 Nd5 1-0 (64) ToromBot (3061)-InanisBot (2567) Rapid 2024]
5...Nbd7 6.Nc3 -1.88/19
[6.d4∓ -1.20/20]
6...e6 -1.03/19
[6...e5!-+ -1.88/19 7.Qxc6 Rc8]
7.h3N
[7.Qxc6 Rc8 8.Qa6 Rxc4 9.b3 Rc5 10.Nb5 Qb8 11.a4 Rc2 12.Nf3 e5 13.Qxa7 Qd8 14.0-0 Bc5 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Qb7 e4 17.Ne1 Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Rxc7 19.Qb4+ Kg8 20.a5 Qc8 21.Bb2 Rc6 1-0 (60) ToromBot (3038)-InanisBot (2487) Rapid 2024]
7...Bh5 8.Nf3 Black is better. **8...Be7** -0.63/20
[8...dxc4?! 9.Nd4±]
[8...Bc5∓ -1.24/19 And now ...Bxf3 would win. 9.Qxc6 Rc8 *(9...dxc4 10.Ne5∓)*]
9.d3 -1.83/20
[9.d4!∓ -0.63/20]
9...0-0-+ 10.Qxc6 -3.28/25
[10.d4∓ -1.47/21]
10...Rc8? -0.98/20
[10...Nc5-+ -3.28/25 11.b4 Rc8]
11.Qa6 -5.57/24
[11.Qa4∓ -0.98/20 nothing else works.]
11...Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne5? -0.44/20
[12...Nc5-+ -5.46/22 13.Qxa7 Ra8 14.Qxa8 Qxa8]
13.Bg2∓ dxc4 14.dxc4 Nxc4 0.22/22
[14...Rxc4∓ -0.49/21 15.0-0 Bc5]
15.Qxa7 -0.30/22
[⌓15.0-0 0.22/22]
15...Nd5 0.46/21
[15...Bd6= -0.30/22]
16.Nxd5± exd5 17.0-0! Bc5 18.Qb7 Qh4? 2.68/22
[18...Re8± 0.80/22]
19.Qxd5 Rfd8 3.48/22
[19...h6 2.33/20 was called for. 20.Qf5 Bd4]
20.Qe4 2.00/21
[⌓20.Bg5 3.48/22 Rxd5 21.Bxh4]
20...Qf6 21.Rb1
[21.Qxc4 Bxf2+ 22.Rxf2 Rd1+ 23.Kh2 Rxc4 24.Rxf6 gxf6-+]
21...Rd4 22.Qb7 Rcd8 23.b3 0.70/26
[23.b4!+- 1.91/21 Bf8 24.Rb3]
23...Nd2 24.Bxd2 Rxd2 25.b4 Bd6 1.51/22
[⌓25...Bb6 0.89/24]
26.Qe4 0.69/23
[White should play 26.Qf3± 1.51/22]
26...Rd4 27.Qf3 Qe5 28.Rfd1 Bxb4 29.Rxd4 Qxd4 30.e3 Qd6 31.a4 g6 32.Qc6 Ba5 33.Qxd6 Rxd6 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **34.Rb8+ Kg7** 0.85/25
[34...Rd8!± 0.36/25 35.Rxd8+ Bxd8]
35.Ra8 0.41/24
[35.Bf3± 0.85/25]
35...Be1 1.26/26
[35...Rd1+± 0.41/24 36.Bf1 Bd8]

(Diagram)



36.Kf1!± Bc3 1.82/23
[36...Bb4± 1.01/26]
37.a5? 0.19/26
[37.Bf3+- 1.82/23]
37...Rd1+= 38.Ke2 Rd2+ 39.Kf3 Ra2 40.Bf1
[40.a6!? Be1□ 41.Kg4=]
40...Be1
[40...Rxa5 41.Rxa5 Bxa5 42.Bc4 Bc7]
41.Bc4 Rxf2+
[41...Rxa5 simplifies 42.Rxa5 Bxa5 43.Ke4 f5+]
42.Ke4 Rc2 0.47/23
[42...f5+= 0.01/24 43.Kd5 Rf3]
43.Kd3 -0.01/24
[43.Kd4!± 0.47/23]
43...Rd2+ 44.Ke4 Bg3? 4.98/25
[44...Rc2= -0.01/24 45.Kd4 Bd2]
45.a6? 0.33/25
[White has to play 45.Ra7+- 4.98/25]
45...f5+± 46.Kf3 Be1 4.29/26
[46...Bh4= 0.29/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 47.Ra7+ Kf6 *(47...Kh6 48.Be2±)* 48.Rf7+ *(48.Rxh7? Rf2#)* 48...Kg5]

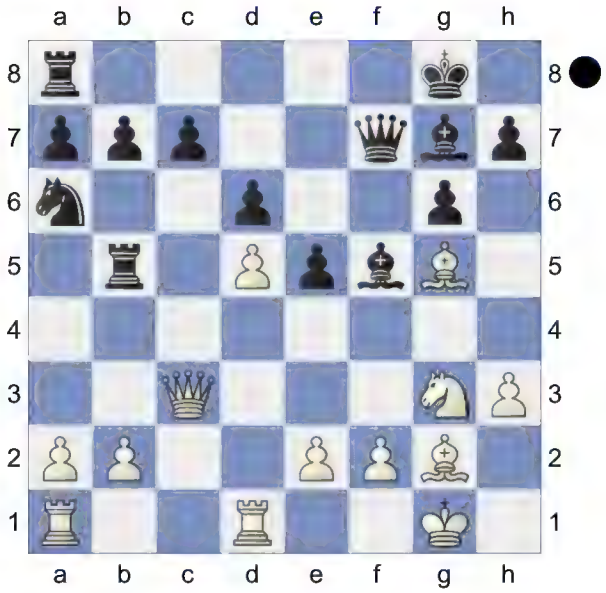
(Diagram)



47.Ra7+? 0.05/25
[47.Rg8+ Kh6±]
[47.Kf4!+- 4.29/26 Rd7 48.Kg5 h6+ 49.Kf4]
47...Kf6 48.Rb7? -5.05/23
[48.Rxh7? loses. Rf2+ 49.Kg3 Rc2+ 50.Kf3 Rxc4-+]
[48.Rf7+± 0.31/25 keeps the upper hand. Ke5 49.Be2 *(49.Rxh7? Rf2+ 50.Kg3 Rf4+ 51.Kg2 Rxc4-+)*]
48...Rf2+-+ 49.Kg3 aiming for Rb6+.
49...Rc2+ Discovered Attack (Check). Black is clearly winning. **50.Kf3 Rxc4** KRB-KR **51.a7** -6.56/24
[⌓51.Rb1 -4.64/26 Bh4 52.Ra1]
51...Ra4 52.Ke2 Bc3 53.Rxh7 Be5 54.h4 Bd6 55.h5 gxh5 56.Rxh5 Rxa7 57.Rh6+ Ke5 58.Kf3 Ra3 59.Rh8 Bc5 60.Re8+ Kf6 61.Kf4 Bd6+ 62.Kf3 Be7 63.Rb8 Bc5 64.Re8 Ra4 65.Kf2 Be7 66.Kf3 Re4 67.Ra8 Re6 68.Ra4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/ Black=0.65
68...Bc5? -0.29/29 Loss on time!?
[68...Rb6-+ -6.34/27 69.Ra8 Kg6]
0-1

169 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Venskaya,Nika** **1926**
Titled Tue 15th Jul Late blitz (9) 15.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d6 2.Bg2 Nc6
[2...e5 3.h3 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6 8.b3 Be6 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.e3 d5 11.Nge2 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.0-0-0 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.N4g3 h5 17.h4 1-0 (27) Duda,J (2731)-Sonis,F (2562) Titled Tue 16th Apr Early blitz 2024 (11)]
3.h3 e5N
[3...g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.c3 e6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Ne2 0-0 8.Be3 b6 9.Nd2 Bb7 10.Ng3 f5 11.f4 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0 Nd3 14.exf5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qd7 16.Nf3 Qb5 17.Rb1 Nd5 18.Qd2 1-0 (40) Grob,H-Heinrich, J FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942]
4.c3 g6 5.d4 Bg7 6.Nf3 -0.63/20
[White should try 6.d5!= -0.04/20 Nce7 7.e4]
6...Nge7 -0.24/19
[6...e4∓ -0.63/20 7.Ng5 f5]
7.d5 Nb8 0.12/20
[Better is 7...Na5∓ -0.38/20]
8.c4= The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Nc3 f5 10.gxf5 Nxf5 11.Bg5** -0.42/21
[11.h4= -0.01/20]
11...Qe8 12.Nh4 -0.64/20
[12.e4!= -0.20/20 h6 13.exf5 hxg5 14.fxg6 *(14.Nxg5 gxf5 15.Qd2 e4=)*]
12...Nxh4 13.Bxh4 Rf4 0.13/20
[13...Na6∓ -0.47/20]
14.Bg5 Rxc4 15.Qb3 Rc5 0.39/20
[15...Rd4= 0.01/21]
16.Ne4 -0.01/23
[16.Be3± 0.39/20 was preferable.]
16...Rb5↑ Black has the initiative.
17.Qc3 -0.51/23
[17.Qc2!= -0.02/22]
17...Na6∓ 18.0-0 Qf7 Against Nf6+
19.Rfd1 -1.04/23
[19.Be3∓ -0.54/21]
19...Bf5∓
[19...Rxd5? too greedy. 20.Rxd5 Be6 21.Qd2+-]
Loses the game. **20.Ng3?** -3.39/22
[20.Be3∓ -0.84/21]



20...e4!-+ 21.Qc2
[21.Qe3 Rxb2]
21...Rxb2 22.Qc4 Nc5 23.Rac1? -8.31/19
[23.Be3 -3.25/20 b5 24.Qc1]
23...Re8 24.e3 -9.82/22
[⌓24.Rb1 -4.70/22 b5 25.Qc1 Rxb1 *(25...Rxa2? 26.Rxb5 e3 27.Bxe3-+)* 26.Qxb1]

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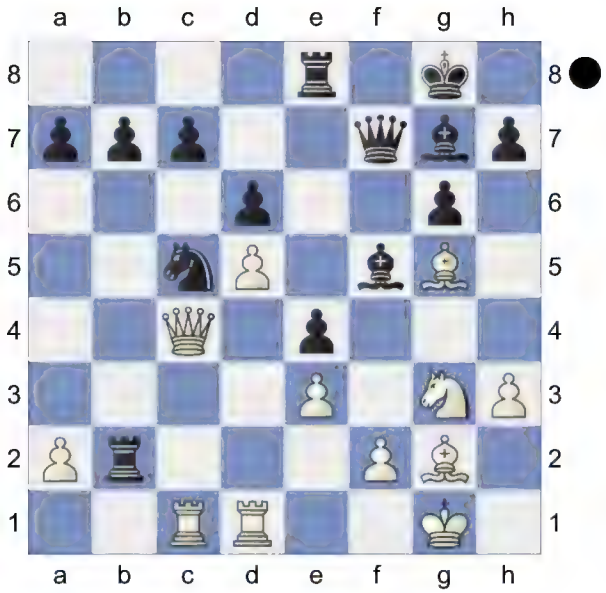
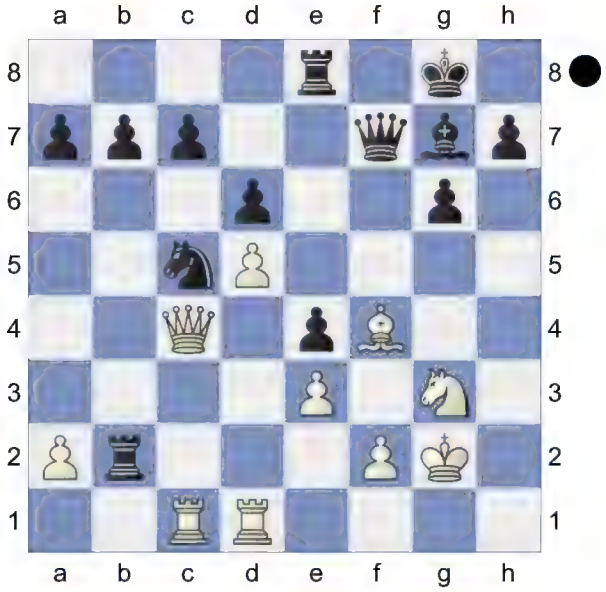


24...Bxh3! 25.Bf4
[25.Qf1 Bxg2]
25...Bxg2 26.Kxg2



g5! 27.Rb1
[27.Rc2 gxf4]
27...Rxb1 28.Rxb1 gxf4 29.exf4 Qxf4
White must now prevent ...Qf3+. **30.Rh1**
Qf3+ 31.Kg1 e3 32.Qh4
Weighted Error Value: White=1.71/ Black=0.41
32...Qxf2#
0-1

170 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Zhigalko,S** **2572**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Late blitz (4) 08.04.25
[Kitty Kat]

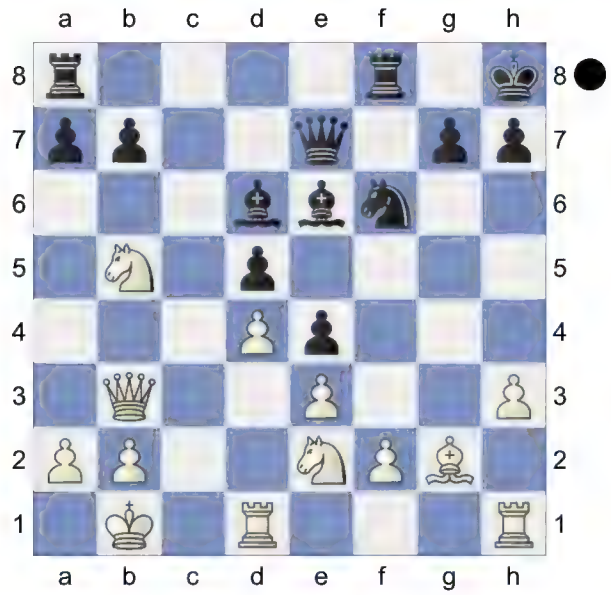
A00: Irregular Openings
*** 1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bd6**
[5...dxc4?! 6.Bxe4 h5 7.g5=]
6.Nc3 Ne7
[6...dxc4 7.Nxe4 *(7.Bxe4 Ne7=)* 7...Na6 8.Nf3±]
7.Qb3 0-0
[7...h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 14.Nxe4 Be6 15.Nc5 Bf7 16.Qe4 Re8 17.Qh4 b6 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Bd2 Na6 20.Nc3 Nab4 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Nf3 ½-½ (27) 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2248)-Steinbacher,M (2418) TCh-ROU Superliga 2011 (7)]
8.Bg5 Black is better. **8...Kh8N**
[8...f6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.d5 Bf7 *(12...fxg5 13.dxe6* A 00/01 2000*)* 13.Bd2 Nd7 *(13...Na6 14.Qc4 Rfe8 15.f3 e3 16.Bc3 Rac8 17.Qb3 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Qe5 19.f4 Qxf4 20.0-0-0 Nc5 21.Qb5 Na4 22.Rf1 Ba3+ 23.Kc2 Rc8 24.Qb3 Bg6+* 0-1 Pressnall,W (2025)-Roper,M (2320) Golden Knights Corr. (Semi-Finals 1996*)* 14.Rd1 Nc5 15.Qe3 Bxd5 16.b4 Na4 17.Qd4 Nb6 Lang-Beckett ICCF E Marl]
9.Bxe7 -1.81/23
[9.cxd5∓ -0.92/21 f6 10.dxc6 Nbxc6 *(10...fxg5 11.cxb7 Bxb7 12.Qxb7±)* 11.Bd2]
9...Qxe7-+ 10.cxd5 f5 11.e3 Nd7 -1.42/24

[11...Na6-+ -1.85/23 ...Nb4 would now be deadly. 12.a3 c5 *(12...fxg4 13.Nxe4 Nc7 14.Nxd6±)*]

12.Nge2 Nf6 13.gxf5 Bxf5 White does not recover from this. **14.0-0-0** -2.60/22

[14.Ng3∓ -1.14/21 Bxg3 15.fxg3]

14...cxd5 15.Kb1 Be6 16.Nb5



Bb8 17.Ng3? -3.33/21

[17.Nbc3 -1.68/19 was necessary.]

17...a6 18.Nc3 b5 19.Bf1 Ne8 20.Rd2

[20.Nxd5 Qf7 *(20...Rxf2 21.Nxe4 Qf7 22.Nxf2±)* 21.Nxe4 Bxd5-+]

20...Nd6 21.Rg1 Nc4 Wards off Qa3

22.Bxc4 bxc4

[22...dxc4 23.Qc2∓]

23.Qd1 Rf3

[23...Bxh3 24.Nxd5 Qe6 25.Nc3±]

24.Nh5 g6

[Not 24...Rxh3 25.Nxg7 *(25.Rxg7? loses. Qh4-+)* 25...Bh2 26.Nxe6 Bxg1 27.Nf4= *(27.Nxd5 Qh4=)*]

[24...Bxh3 25.Rxg7 Qf8 *(25...Qh4? 26.Qg1+-)* 26.Nxd5±]

25.Nf4 Bxf4

[25...Bxh3 26.Nxh3 *(26.Nfxd5 Qe6±; 26.Ncxd5 Qb7±)* 26...Rxh3 27.Nxd5±]

26.exf4 Rxf4 27.Rg3 Raf8 28.Qe1

White is weak on the light squares

28...Qf6 29.Nd1 Rf3 30.Rxf3 Qxf3 31.h4 Qf4 32.Ne3 Qxh4 33.Rc2 Qf4 34.a3 -7.12/20

[⌓34.Qb4 -4.69/20 h5 35.Qb6]

34...h5 35.Qa5 -7.22/21

[⌓35.Qb4 -4.80/20 h4 36.Ka1]

35...Qf7 -3.53/23

[⌓35...Qd6 -7.22/21 36.Qc3 Kh7]

36.Qxa6 h4 37.Qd6 h3 38.Rc1 -4.61/21

[⌓38.a4 -3.21/21 Ra8 39.Qe5+ Kh7 40.Rc3]

38...Kg7

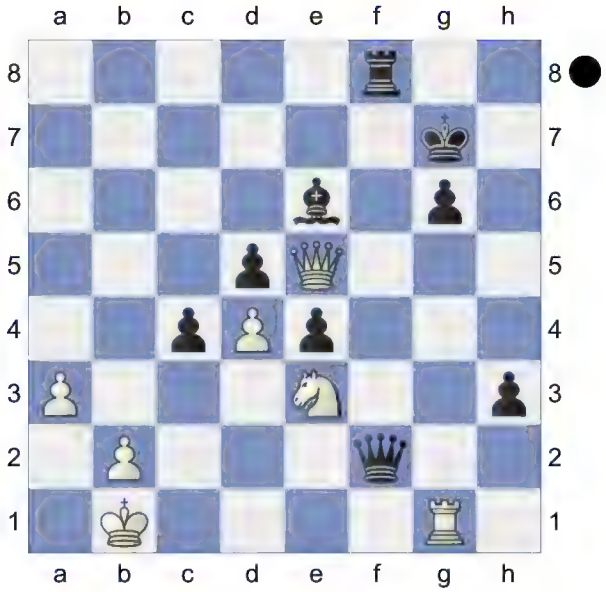
[38...Qxf2 39.Qxe6 Qxe3 40.Rc3 Qxd4 41.Rxh3+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Rf7 43.Qd8 Rf1+ *(43...Qg1+ 44.Ka2=)* 44.Ka2=]

39.Rg1 Qxf2 -2.06/22

[⌓39...Kh7 -4.49/20 40.Rf1 c3]

40.Qe5+? -6.58/22

[40.Rxg6+ -2.06/22 Kxg6 41.Qxe6+ Qf6 42.Qxh3]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.55

40...Qf6

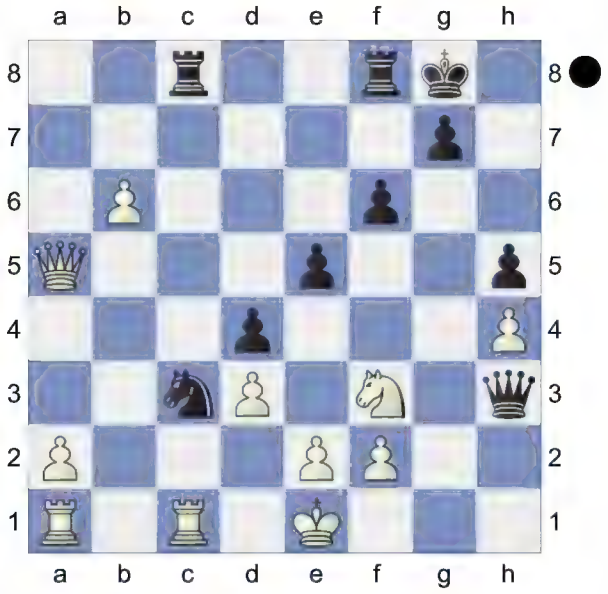
0-1

171 **A00**
□ **Omariev,M** **2304**
■ **Zong,Davis** **2242**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

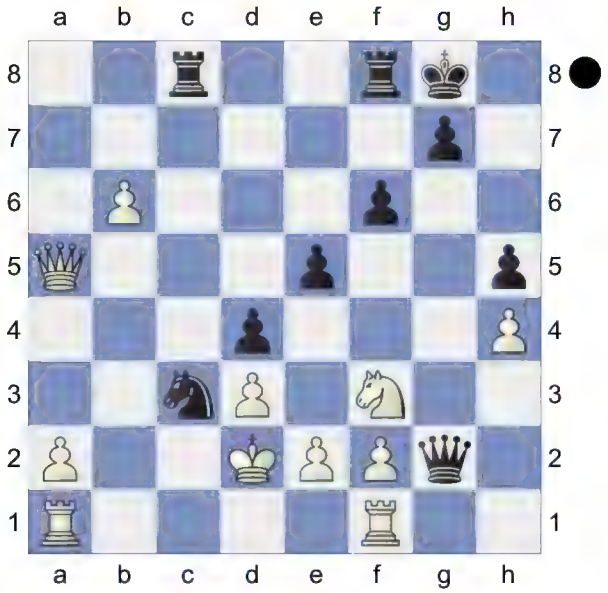
A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Qxb7 Nbd7 6.Nc3 -2.01/20
[6.h3∓ -1.11/20 Bf5 7.Nf3]
6...e6 -0.95/19
[6...e5!-+ -2.01/20 7.Na4 Be7 *(7...dxc4 8.Qa6∓)*]
7.Qxc6∓ Rc8 8.Qa6 Black is better.
8...Rxc4 9.b3 Rc8N
[9...Rc5 10.Nb5 Qb8 11.a4 Rc2 12.Nf3 e5 13.Qxa7 Qd8 14.0-0 Bc5 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Qb7 e4 17.Ne1 Bxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Rxc7 19.Qb4+ Kg8 20.a5 Qc8 21.Bb2 Rc6 22.Qb5 Ra6 23.b4 Qa8 24.h3 1-0 (60) ToromBot (3038)-InanisBot (2487) Rapid 2024]
10.Ba3 -2.06/24
[10.Nb5∓ -1.07/22]
10...Bc5-+ 11.h3 -2.30/22
[11.Bxc5 -1.63/22 Nxc5 12.Qxa7]
11...Bf5 12.Bxc5 -2.21/23
[12.Nb5∓ -1.53/19 might work better. 0-0 13.Nd6 Bxd6 14.Bxd6]
12...Nxc5
[12...Rxc5 13.Nf3∓]
13.Qxa7 -2.47/23
[⌓13.Qb5+ -1.94/22 Nfd7 14.Qb4]
13...0-0 14.Nf3 Qd6? 1.02/22
[14...Nh5-+ -2.52/21 15.b4 Ne4]
15.Na4? -1.24/23
[15.Nb5!± 1.02/22 Qf4 16.0-0]
15...Nfe4 -0.06/24
[15...Nxa4!∓ -1.24/23 16.Qxa4 e5]
16.Nxc5= Nxc5 17.Qa5 -2.36/23
[17.b4= -0.17/23 Ne4 18.0-0]
17...e5? -0.40/21
[17...Ne4!-+ -2.36/23 18.Qa4 e5]
18.0-0!∓ d4 0.50/22
[18...Ne6∓ -0.66/21 19.Nh4 Bc2 *(19...Be4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nf5=)*]
19.d3 -0.01/21
[19.Rfc1± 0.50/22]
19...f6 1.02/21
[19...Ra8!= -0.01/21 20.Qd2 Bd7]
20.b4 0.33/21
[20.Rfc1± 1.02/21]
20...Ne6± 21.Rfc1? -3.55/22
[21.Nh4± 0.32/21 was forced to keep a grip. Bg6 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Qd5]
21...Nf4-+ 22.Kf1 -5.82/24
[22.Rxc8 -3.23/22 Rxc8 23.Bf1]
22...Qd7
[22...Bxh3 23.Bxh3 Nxh3 24.b5∓]
23.Ng1 h5? -0.22/21
[23...Nxh3 24.Qd5+ Qxd5 25.Bxd5+ Kh8 26.Bc6±]
[23...Rc3-+ -3.17/21 24.b5 Rxd3 *(24...Nxh3 25.Rxc3 dxc3 26.Qxc3±)*]
24.h4? -4.91/20
[24.b5!= -0.22/21]
24...Be6?→ -1.53/23 Black is out for blood.
[24...e4-+ -4.91/20 25.dxe4 Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Be6]
25.Bf3 -2.25/23
[25.a4∓ -1.53/23]
25...Bd5 26.Bxd5+ Nxd5 27.b5? -3.84/22
[27.a4 -1.82/23 only move.]
27...Nc3? -1.03/20
[27...Ra8-+ -3.84/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 28.Qd2 Qxb5]
28.b6 -1.51/22
[⌓28.a4 -1.03/20]
28...Qg4 -0.27/21
[28...Qd6∓ -1.51/22 ...Ra8 is the strong threat. 29.a3 Ra8 *(29...Rb8 30.Qb4∓)*]
29.Nf3? -4.37/22
[29.b7= -0.27/21 and White stays

safe. Rb8 30.Qc7]

29...Qh3+ 30.Ke1



Qh1+! 31.Kd2 Qg2 32.Rf1 -7.48/23
[32.Ke1 -3.31/19 Rcd8 *(32...Qh1+ 33.Kd2∓)* 33.b7]



32...Qg4? -0.40/20
[32...Ra8!-+ -7.48/23 33.Qc5 Rxa2+ Overworked Piece 34.Rxa2 Qxf1 35.Nxd4 exd4 *(35...Nxa2? 36.Qc4+ Kh7 37.Qxa2-+)* 36.Qxd4 Rc8 *(36...Nxa2? 37.Qd5+ Rf7 38.Qxa2-+; 36...Qxe2+? 37.Kxc3 Qxa2 38.Qc4+ Qxc4+ 39.dxc4-+)* 37.Qxc3 Rxc3 38.Kxc3 Qc1+ *(38...Qxf2? 39.Rb2-+)* 39.Kd4 Kh7]

33.Qb4 -4.57/22
[33.b7∓ -0.40/20 Rb8 34.Qc7]

33...Nd5 34.Qb3 Qe6 0.01/23
[Black should play 34...Qf4+-+ -3.38/22 35.Kd1 Rc5]

35.a4? -1.51/22
[35.Rfc1= 0.01/23 Rb8 36.b7]

35...Rc6? 1.66/21
[35...Rc3?! 36.Qa2 Rfc8 37.Rfb1 Rc2+ 38.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 39.Kxc2 Nxb6 40.a5 Qc6+ 41.Kd2=]
[35...e4∓ -1.51/22 stays on course. 36.Nxd4 Qe5]

36.a5+- Rfc8? 6.63/23
[36...Rc3± 0.98/21 37.Qb1 Rb8]

37.Rfc1 Rxc1 38.Rxc1 Rxc1 39.Kxc1 Endgame KQN-KQN. White is a pawn up. **39...Qc6+ 40.Kd2 Kh7 41.Qc4 Qd6 42.b7 Nc3 43.Qb3**
[Don't blunder 43.a6? Qb6-+]

43...Qb8 44.Qb6 10.79/22
[⌓44.a6 32.74/25 Kh6 45.Qc4]

44...Nd5 45.Qb3? -0.01/18
[White should try 45.Qb5+- 13.84/24 Nc7 46.Qc6]

45...Nc3= 46.a6 Black must now prevent Qf7. **46...e4**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.44/ Black=1.96

47.Nxd4

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172 **A00**
□ **Stichlberger,M..** **2296**
■ **Sommerbauer,Norbert** **2401**
ch ch-AUT 09.08.1999
[Tim Sawyer,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 h5** In this game we examine several unusual third move alternatives for Black. It is common for the second player to attack by opening the h-file, but there are many other options.

[3...f5 4.g5 *(4.gxf5 Bxf5 5.d4=* is a likely improvement.*)* 4...e5 5.d3 h6 6.h4 f4 7.e4 hxg5 Otherwise White will check on h5. 8.h5 g4 9.exd5 f3 10.Bxf3 White goes for a speculative piece sac that is unsound, but there are some practical chances. gxf3 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Qxf3 Qf6 13.Qg3 Bd6 14.Bg5 Qf5 15.Nc3 Qg4 16.Qxg4 Bxg4 17.Nb5 Bb8 18.Kd2 Rxh5 19.Rxh5 Bxh5 20.Re1 a6 21.Nc3 Nf6 22.f4 Ng4 23.Nf3 Bc7 24.Nd5 Ba5+ 25.c3 Kf7 26.Nxe5+ Ngxe5 27.fxe5 Re8 28.Bf4 Ke6 29.Ne3 b5 30.Kc2 Bg6 31.Rg1 Ne7 32.Bg5 Bh7 33.Kd2?? Black is already better in any case, since White has only two pawns for the sacrificed Bishop. b4 *(33...Rd8!* would win a pawn due to the two-way pin on White's King, and the White position would quickly crumble.*)* 34.d4 bxc3+ 35.bxc3 Nc6?? *(35...Nd5 36.Nxd5 Kxd5-+* and the White pawns are blockaded.*)* 36.Nc4?? *(36.d5+* wins a piece.*)* 36...Bc7 37.Re1 Kd5 38.Ne3+ Ke6 39.d5+ Kxe5 40.dxc6 Kd6?? *(40...Be4* keeps Black in the game.*)* 41.Nf5+ Bxf5 42.Rxe8 1-0. Bloodgood-Bostic, Virginia 1964]

[3...e6 This move looks passive. But since Psakhis played it, and he is a very solid Grandmaster, the move must be okay. 4.d3 *(4.d4 Bd6 5.c4 Ne7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4* White has left the c-pawn hanging for a long time. Now Black is confident he can take the pawn and survive with winning chances. *8.e4 b5 9.a4 Bb7 10.Nc3 a6 11.Bg5 Nd7 12.Nd2 f6 13.Be3 e5 14.f4 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bc5 16.Nf3 Bxd4+ 17.Qxd4 Qb6 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.Kh2 Qxd4 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.f5 Rd6 22.Ne6 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Nxe6 24.fxe6 Re8 25.Rd6 Bc8 26.Kg3 Kf8* 0-1 bazar-wokzal (2867)-Psakhis (2935) ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club 1999 It is ironic that both sides have light-squared Bishops while most of their pawns are also on the light squares. They will seek to remedy this, but Black remains a pawn up and won in 52 moves in.*)* 4...Ne7 5.Nd2 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.f4 dxe4 8.dxe4 b6 9.Ne2 Ba6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Qc7 12.e5 Rd8 13.Ng3 Nd5 14.Qf3 Nd7 15.Nde4 1-0 Sloan,S-Katz,A World Open New York 1976 White has excellent development and a healthy position. He went on to win in fine fashion in the game]

[3...g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Bf4 Qb6 7.0-0 Qxb2 8.Nbd2 Qb6 9.c4 Ngf6 10.Qc2 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Qd8 12.e4 0-0 13.Rad1 "White's tremendous central space advantage more than compensates for the sacrificed pawn. Black is already unable to undertake anything positive. " M.Basman. Nb6 14.Ne3 Nfd7 15.a4 a5 16.Rb1 Nf6 17.Rfd1 Ne8

18.h4 Kh8 19.h5 h6 20.g5 hxg5 21.Nxg5 f6 22.Nf3 g5 23.Bg3 Nd7 24.e5 Nb6 25.h6 Bxh6 26.Qg6 Bg7 27.Nxg5 fxg5 28.Be4 Kg8 This leads to mate in five, which could only be delayed by sacrificing material on f5. 29.Qh7+ Kf7 30.Bg6+ Ke6 31.Qh3+ 1-0. Basman-Georghiu, London 1988]

[3...Nd7 4.d4

A) 4...e5 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nf3 *(6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Bb6 19.f3 Nd3+ 20.exd3 Bxd4* 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe, A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005*)* 6...exd4 7.Qxd4 Ngf6 8.g5 Nd5 9.0-0 *(9.Qxc4* might be better in view of the way this game continued.*)* 9...Nc5 10.e4 Ne6 11.Qxc4 Ndf4 12.Nc3 Nxg2 *(12...h6!?)* 13.Kxg2 Be7 14.h4 0-0 15.Be3 Qa5 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Be6 18.Qe2 Rad8 19.Rad1 Qb4 20.Qe3 b6 21.a3 Qc4 *(21...Qxb2! 22.Nd5 Qxa3-+* leads Black with a Queenside pawn monopoly.*)* 22.f4 Bg4 23.Rd2 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Rxd2+ 25.Qxd2 Qxc5 26.Kg3 Bc8 27.Rd1 f6 28.Qd4 Qe7 29.Qd6 Qe8 30.f5 fxg5 31.hxg5 Qh5 32.Qe7 h6 33.g6 Bxf5 34.exf5 Qxf5 35.Qe4 Qf2+ 36.Kg4 Qf6 37.Rd7 Qg5+ 38.Kh3 Qh5+ 39.Kg3 Kh8 *(39...Qg5+* draws, but White is in deep time trouble. *)* 40.Rf7 0-1 bazar-wokzal (2736)-pap (2891) ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club 2000 Good, but time was the deciding factor in;

B) 4...h5 5.g5 e5 6.c4 This is a rather bold continuation, but then with a pawn on g5, something must be done. dxc4 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Ne4 Bc7 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.f4 Bd4 14.e3 Bb6 15.Bd2 Nf5 16.0-0-0 Kc7 17.Rhe1 Re8 18.Bb4 a5 19.Bc3 Bxe3+ 20.Kb1 Bxf4 21.Bf3 Nh4 22.Bxh5 Bf5 23.Rd4 Rxe4 24.Rdxe4 Re8 25.Bxf7 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Bxe4+ 27.Ka1 g6 0-1 bazar-wokzal (2904)-NDShort (3005) ICC 3 1 Internet Chess Club 1999 Short has a winning material advantage. Here he demonstrates the technique that made him one of the top players in the world. See the interesting finish of]

[3...h6 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.g5!? *(6.Bf4* is a more logical continuation.*)* 6...hxg5 7.Bxg5 e5 8.Qd2 Be7 9.h4 e4 10.dxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qe3 Nb6 13.b3 *(13.Nbd2=)* 13...Bf5 14.Ng5? *(14.c3 0-0-0=)* 14...0-0-0 *(14...Nxg5! 15.Qxg5 Qxg5 16.hxg5 Rxh1+ 17.Bxh1 Bxc2∓* wins a pawn.*)* 15.a4 d4 16.Qc1 Bg4?? *(16...Nxg5!* is still good.*)* 17.Nxe4 Nd5 18.Qg5 f6 19.Qxg4+ 1-0. Grob-guest515, ICC 2000.]

[3...e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 Grob'S Opening-1 g4 & other rare 1st moves Flank Openings 2019]

4.g5 Bf5 Black adopts a London System setup which is similar to the Caro-Kann or Slav Defense.

[4...e5 5.d4 *(5.h4?! Ne7 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Nf5 8.Qd3 Na6 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.b3 Nc5 11.Qd1 Ne4 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Bb2 Re8 14.Nbd2* Getting his

Queen trapped, but White was already in trouble. *Nxf2 15.Kxf2 Bg3+ 16.Kg1 Re3* 0-1. Ariston-Dammkoehler, IECG 1997*; 5.d3 Bd6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.e4 Ne7 8.Nge2 d4 9.Nb1 Qc7 10.Rf1 Nd7 11.Bd2 0-0-0 12.f4 f5 13.c3* It is not often that both sides have three possible pawn captures at the same time. The one who is better developed usually benefits. *dxc3 14.Nbxc3 Ng6 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.fxe5 Ndxe5 17.Qb3 Nxd3+ 18.Kd1 Nc5 19.Qc4 Be6 20.Qd4 Be7 21.Qxg7 Rxd2+ 22.Ke1 Nd3+* 0-1. Kayser-Moos, St. Ingbert 1991. *)*

A) 5...e4

A1) 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.h4 Ne7 8.Bd2 Nf5 9.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Nxd4 11.e3 Bg4?? *(* This drops a piece and leads to the loss of the game. Instead *11...Qe7* may equalize.*)* 12.f3 Nf5 13.fxg4 Nxe3 14.Qe2 1-0 MarkWeinstein (2313)-GCamara (2035) ICC 5 0 Internet Chess Club 1999 Black could not recover in;

A2) 6.c4 Ne7 7.Nc3 Nf5 8.Bf4 Nh4 9.Bf1 Ng6 1-0 bazar-wokzal (2932)-Tankist (2903) ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club 2000 An interesting plan, but White was okay in;

B) 5...exd4 6.Qxd4 Ne7 7.Nf3 Nf5 8.Qe5+ Be6 9.b3 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Nd7 11.Qb2 a5 12.0-0 0-0 13.c4?! *(* White mixes it up in the hope of pulling the d5 pawn away from e4, but Black's position is just too powerful. White finds himself sliding down a slippery slope to disaster. Otherwise *13.Bf4 f6 14.c3 Bc5 15.Nbd2=* looks very reasonable.*)* 13...dxc4 14.e4 Nd6 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.g6 Ncxe4 17.gxf7+ Bxf7 18.Bxb4 axb4 19.bxc4 Nxc4 20.Qe2 Qxd4 21.Bxe4 Qxa1 0-1. bazar-wokzal-NDShort, ICC 1999]

[4...h4 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Nxe4 It is interesting to see how White keeps trying to defend g5. Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Be4 Nd7 10.Qe2 Bb4 11.Bxf5 Qxf5 12.Ne4 0-0-0 13.a3 Bf8 14.d3 Kb8 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Nf3 Ng6 17.0-0-0 Nb6 18.Nc3 Bc5 19.Rdg1 Nd5 20.Rg4 An noteworthy option after the pawn has been pushed to g5. Bb6 21.Nd1 Bc7 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Kc8 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Bxe3 Rd5 26.Rg1 Rf5 27.Nd4 Re5 28.Rgg4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Bb6 30.Nf3 Bxe3+ ½-½. Skembris-Gheorghiu, Skopje 1984.]

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[5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Nh4 e6 7.Nxf5 exf5 8.d3 Ne7 9.e4 Nc5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 Kf8 13.Nc3 Nc7 14.d4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.g6 Rather than simply swapping pawns, White creatively seeks to bust up the wall in front of Black's King. f5 17.f3 Bh4 18.Rf1 e3 19.Bxe3 Qe8 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Bd6+ Kg8 22.c4 Ne3 23.Qb3 ;0-1 Reprintsev,A (2425)-Rozentalis,E (2650) New York op 1997 This was obviously the plan White had in mind. If Black grabs the Rook, he gets mated after the discovered check with 24.c5+. As it is, Black gets back his pawn. White's King proved more vulnerable than his Black counterpart in]

5...e5

[5...e6 0.14/11 5...e5 -0.44 6.Nc3

Bb4 7.a3 Ba5 8.Kf1 -0.72/11 *(8.e4=* 0.10/10 *Bg6 9.exd5)* 8...Ne7 9.e4 dxe4 -0.18/11 *(9...Bg6∓* -0.80/11 aiming for ...Bxc3. *10.Nge2 d4)* 10.Nxe4 -0.66/10 *(10.dxe4=* -0.18/11 should be considered. *Qxd1+ 11.Nxd1)* 10...Ng6 0.22/14 *(10...h4∓* -0.66/10 *)* 11.h4 -0.39/11 *(*White should play *11.Ng3=* 0.22/14 *)* 11...Bc7∓ Now we can see that the e-pawn is more helpful to the Black Bishops on e6 than e5 in this line. 12.Ne2 Nd7 13.Be3 -1.10/11 *(13.N2g3∓* -0.64/12 might be stronger. *)* 13...Qe7 -0.26/12 *(13...Nde5∓* -1.10/11 And now ...Bg4 would win. *14.N2g3 Bg4)* 14.N2g3 Bb6 0.51/12 *(14...Bg4∓* -0.59/12 *15.f3 Bf5)* 15.Qe2 0-0-0 16.b4 -0.65/9 *(16.Bxb6=* 0.19/12 *axb6 17.Nc3)* 16...Bg4∓ 17.Qd2 Nge5 -0.10/14 *(*Better is *17...Kb8∓* -0.98/14 *)* 18.Bf4= Bc7 0.40/16 *(18...f6=* -0.16/13 *)* 19.b5 -0.55/13 *(19.Qc3!±* 0.40/16 *)* 19...cxb5∓ 20.Qc3 -1.19/12 *(⌓20.Rb1* -0.73/11 *)* 20...Nc6∓ 21.Bxc7 Kxc7 22.Rb1

f5 0.27/10 *(22...a6!∓* -1.19/10 ...Kb8 would now be deadly. *23.Rg1 Nde5)* 23.gxf6 -0.10/12 *(⌓23.Nd2!* 0.27/10 *Ndb8 24.f3)* 23...gxf6 24.Rxb5 Threatens to win with Nxf6! Nb6? 2.48/12 *(24...a6=* 0.20/14 and Black is okay. *25.Rb3 e5)* 25.Qxf6? 0.00/11 *(25.Nxf6+-* 2.48/12 Hoping for Bxc6! *Rhf8 26.Nxg4 hxg4 27.Bxc6 bxc6 28.Rg5)* 25...Qxf6 0.44/9 *(25...Qxa3=* 0.00/11 was preferrable. *26.Bh3 a6)* 26.Nxf6± Bd1! 27.Be4 Bxc2 28.Kg2 Bxd3 29.Bxd3 Rxd3 30.Ngxh5 Nd5 Repels Nf4 31.Nxd5+ exd5 0-1 grobdigger (2322)-Valerian10 (2419) ICC 5 0 Internet Chess Club 2000 After a wild ride the material is even, but the position remained unbalanced in the game]

6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 -1.31/12
[7.Nc3∓ -0.55/15]

7...Ne7 8.Nbd2 Black is better. **8...Ng6 9.Nf1 Qb6 10.c3 Nf4** -1.01/6 Black has more active pieces.
[⌓10...Bc5 -1.44/17 11.d4 Bd6 12.dxe5 Ndxe5]

11.Bxf4∓ exf4 12.Nd4 Bg4 13.Qb3 Ne5 -0.82/11
[⌓13...Qc7 -1.23/11 14.Nh2 0-0-0]

14.Nh2 -1.18/10
[White should try 14.Qxb6 -0.82/11 axb6 15.Nh2]

14...0-0-0 -0.34/11
[14...Qc7∓ -1.18/10 15.Nxg4 hxg4]

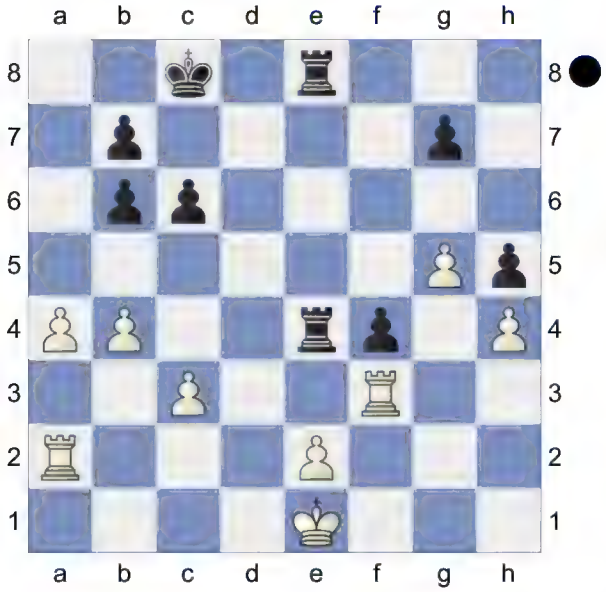
15.Qxb6∓ axb6 16.Nhf3 Ng6 17.b4 Be7 18.a4 f6 19.Bh3 Ne5
[19...Kd7 feels hotter. 20.Kd2 c5 21.Nf5 cxb4 22.Rab1 Ra8]

20.Nxe5 -0.53/10
[20.gxf6= 0.02/10 gxf6 21.Ng1]

20...fxe5 21.Nf5 Rd7 0.16/9
[21...Bf8∓ -0.55/9]

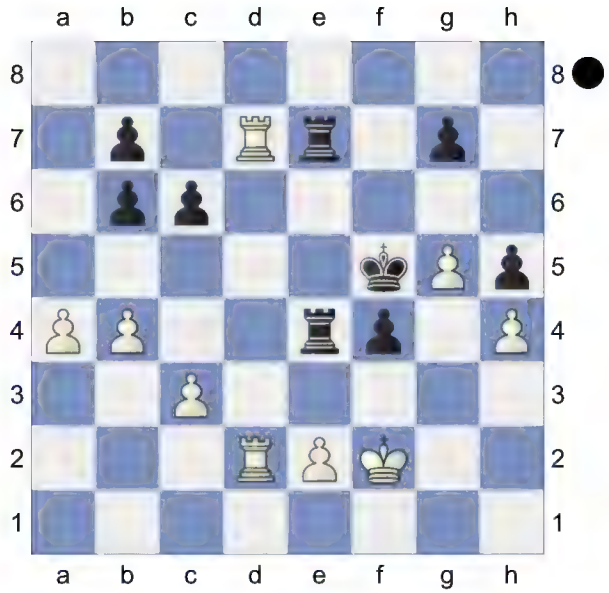
22.f3

[22.Nxg7 Bxh3 23.Rxh3 Bxg5∓]
[22.Bxg4 simplifies hxg4 23.0-0-0 Bf8 24.g6]
22...Bxh3 23.Nxe7+ Rxe7 24.Rxh3= Endgame. We have reached a Rook endgame with all the pawns still on the board! KRR-KRR **24...e4!** Black opens the center where his Rooks will be more effective. **25.fxe4 dxe4 26.dxe4 Rxe4 27.Rf3 Rhe8 28.Ra2** -0.91/15
[28.0-0-0= -0.08/17]



28...Kd7!∓ 29.Kf2 Ke6 ...Kf5 is the strong threat. **30.Rd3** -2.61/11
[30.a5∓ -1.42/12]
30...Kf5-+ 31.Rd7 R8e7 32.Rad2 -5.45/12
[32.Rxe7∓ -0.56/10 Rxe7 33.Ra1]

(Diagram)



Loses the game. **32...Rxe2+!!** Deflection. Black is clearly winning.
33.Rxe2 Rxd7 KR-KR **34.Re8 Kg4 35.Rf8 Rd2+ 36.Ke1 Ra2 37.Rf7 f3**
[37...Kxh4 38.Rxg7 Kg3 *(38...Rxa4? 39.g6-+)* 39.Rf7 Rxa4 *(39...f3? 40.g6-+)* 40.g6-+]
38.Rxg7 f2+
[38...Rxa4 39.Rf7∓]
39.Kf1 Kg3 (→ ...Ra1+)
[39...Rxa4 40.Kxf2 Ra2+ 41.Kg1=]
[39...Kxh4 40.g6 *(40.Kg2? Kg4-+)* 40...Kg3 *(40...Rxa4 41.Kxf2 Ra8 42.Rxb7±)* 41.Rf7 Ra1+ *(41...Rxa4? 42.g7+-)* 42.Ke2 Re1+ *(42...Rxa4? 43.Rf3+ Kg4 44.g7+-)* 43.Kd2=]
40.Rf7 Ra1+
[40...Rxa4 41.g6 *(41.Rxf2 Ra1+ 42.Ke2 Ra2+* Skewer, Deflection *43.Kd3 Rxf2-+)* 41...Ra1+ *(41...Kxh4? 42.g7+-)* 42.Ke2 Re1+ *(42...Kxh4 43.Kxf2 Ra8 44.g7±)* 43.Kd2=]
41.Ke2 Re1+ The pawn will become a Queen. Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.14 (very precise) . Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=5 Black=4 Inaccurate:

White=2 Black=1 OK: White=8 Black=5 Best: White=2 Black=4 Strong: --- Black=1 Brilliant: --- Black=1

[Inferior is 41...Rxa4 42.g6 Ra2+ *(42...Kxh4? loses. 43.g7+-)* 43.Ke3=]

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173 **A00**

□ **Germanovs,Georgijs** **2260**

■ **Demchenko,A** **2620**

Titled Tue 19th Aug Early blitz (10)

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d6 2.Bg2 c6

[2...e5 3.h3 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6 8.b3 Be6 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.e3 d5 11.Nge2 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.0-0-0 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.N4g3 h5 17.h4 1-0 (27) Duda,J (2731)-Sonis,F (2562) Titled Tue 16th Apr Early blitz 2024 (11)]

3.g5N

[3.h3 e5 *(3...h6 4.c4 e5 5.Nc3 Be6 6.b3 Be7 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.d3 Nbd7 9.e4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Qe2 Bb4 12.Bd2 Qa5 13.Rc1 e4 14.dxe4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Nc5 17.Qc2 Rd8 18.Bxb4* 1-0 (49) Grob,H-Stoll,W FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1960*)* 4.c4 Be7 5.Nc3 Be6 6.d3 h5 7.e4 Qd7 8.gxh5 Nf6 9.Bf3 d5 10.b3 Bb4 11.Bd2 dxc4 12.dxc4 Qd4 13.Qc2 Nxh5 14.Nge2 Qd6 15.0-0-0 Ba3+ 16.Kb1 Na6 17.Bc1 Qe7 1-0 (61) Holick,M-Laske,E (2025) Goetzis op Götzis 1997 (7) 18.Bxa3 Qxa3 19.Bg4 Nc7 20.Qd2 Nf6 21.Qg5 Nxg4 22.hxg4 Rxh1 23.Rxh1 Qc5 24.f4 Qe3 25.Qxe5 Qd3+ 26.Kb2 0-0-0 27.f5 f6 28.Qc5 Qd2+ 29.Ka3 Na6 30.Qe7 Bd7 31.Rd1 Qc2 32.Qd6 b5 1-0 (61) Laakso,H-Braun,A (2025) corr 27/(289) 1979 (7)]

3...h6 4.h4 hxg5 5.hxg5 Rxh1 6.Bxh1 e5 -0.08/21

[6...Qa5∓ -0.87/23 7.g6 fxg6]

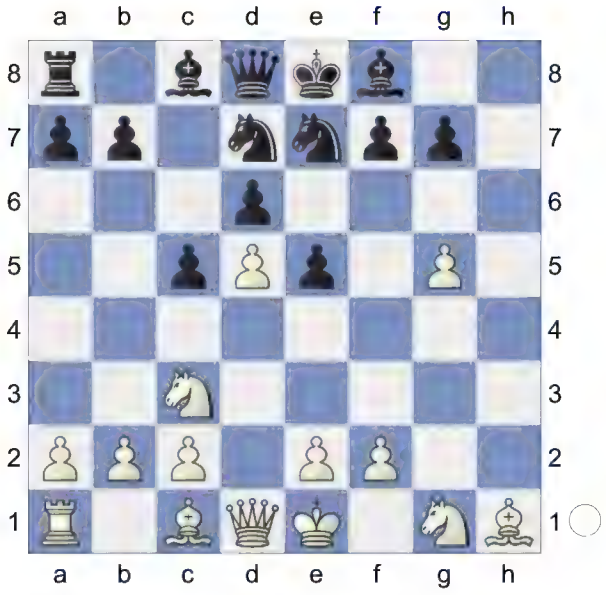
7.d4= Nd7 8.Nc3 The position is equal.

8...Ne7 9.d5 -0.25/22

[⌓9.e4 0.12/22]

9...c5 1.17/20

[9...cxd5= -0.25/22 10.Bxd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Nb6]



10.f4 -0.01/23

[10.Qd3!± 1.17/20]

10...Nf5 1.04/22

[10...b5= -0.01/23 remains equal.]

11.Nf3 0.19/22

[11.Be4± 1.04/22 exf4 12.Bxf4 *(12.Bxf5 Qxg5 13.Bxd7+ Bxd7∓)*]

11...Qe7 0.75/24

[11...g6= 0.19/22]

12.Nb5 -0.51/25

[12.e4± 0.75/24 Nd4 13.f5]

12...Kd8!∓ 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Bf4 Ng6

15.Qd2 Bd7 -0.47/22
[15...Nxf4∓ -0.96/23 16.Qxf4 Qe3 17.Qxe3 Nxe3]
16.Nc3 -1.29/22
[Wrong is 16.Qa5+? b6 17.Qd2 Bxb5-+]
[16.Bh2!∓ -0.47/22]
16...b5 -0.61/20 Black is more active.
[16...Nxf4∓ -1.29/22 17.Qxf4 g6]
17.a3 -1.51/23
[17.Bh2!∓ -0.61/20]
17...Nxf4∓ 18.Qxf4 Qe3↑ Black is really pushing. **19.Qxe3 Nxe3** This costs White the game. **20.Kd2** -2.85/23
[20.Kf2∓ -1.27/21 Nxc2 21.Rc1]
20...Nc4+-+ 21.Kc1 Be7 22.b3 Nxa3

Decoy **23.Rxa3** -3.48/22
[23.Ne4 -2.13/23 was worth a try. b4 24.Kb2]
23...b4! 24.Ra4 bxc3 25.Rf4 -4.50/23
[⌓25.Rc4 -3.13/22 Bb5 26.Rh4]
25...f6 26.Rh4 Kc7 27.Rh7 Rg8 28.g6 f5 29.e3 Bf6 30.Kd1 Re8 31.Ke2 f4 32.Ng1 Rxe3+ 33.Kf2 Bf5 34.Ne2 Bxg6 35.Nxf4 Bxh7 36.Kxe3 Bxc2 Endgame KBB-KBN. Black is 3 pawns up. **37.Ne2 Bxb3 38.Be4 Bc4 39.Nf4 Kb6 40.Bc2 Bd4+ 41.Ke4 a5 42.Ne6 Be5 43.Nf8 Bb5 44.Ng6 Bf6 45.Nf4 a4** and ...a3 would now be decisive **46.Ke3 a3** (-> ...a2) **47.Bb3 Bg5** Black mates. **48.Ke4 Bxf4 49.Kxf4** Weighted Error Value: White=1.26/ Black=0.32
49...Ka5
0-1

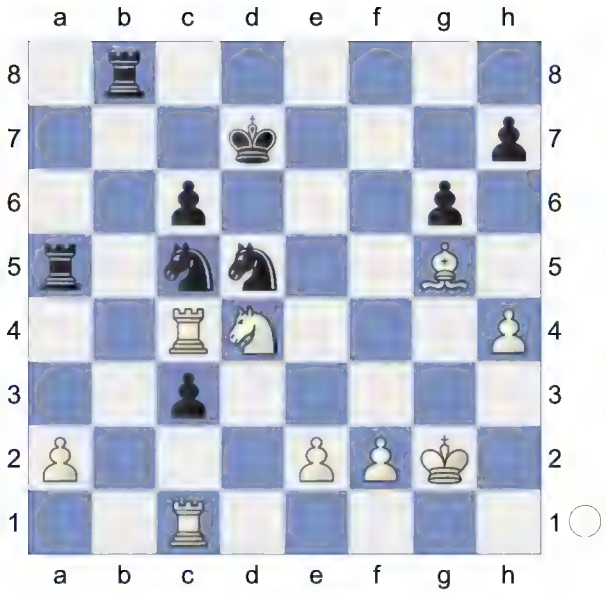
174 **A00**
□ **Germanovs,Georgijs** **2260**
■ **Madhesh Kumar S** **2304**
Titled Tue 19th Aug Early blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
A00: Irregular Openings wins the Bishop after 14. Qxh5 **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 g6**
[2...c6 3.h3 e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 h5 6.Nc3 hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)]
3.g5N
[3.h3 Bg7 4.d4 c5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.g5 Ne4 7.Bxe4 dxe4 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.c3 Na6 10.Be3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Rc8 12.Nb3 h6 13.0-0-0+ Ke8 14.f4 hxg5 15.fxg5 Be5 16.Bd4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxc5 1-0 (49) Nakamura,H (2768)-Korchmar,V (2438) Titled Tue 13th Dec Early blitz 2022 (7)]
3...Bg7 4.d4 Bf5 5.c4 c6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.cxd5 Nc3 poses a challenge. White has an edge. **8...Bxd4 9.Nc3 b5 10.dxc6** -0.04/21
[10.e4± 0.39/20 Bd7 11.Nf3]
10...Bxc3+= 11.bxc3 bxc6 0.55/23
[11...Nxc6= -0.07/23 12.Bb2 f6]

12.Bb2 f6 13.h4 0.11/22
[13.Nf3± 0.52/22]
13...e5 1.37/19
[13...Ra4= 0.11/22]
14.gxf6 0.22/22
[14.h5± 1.37/19]
14...Nxf6

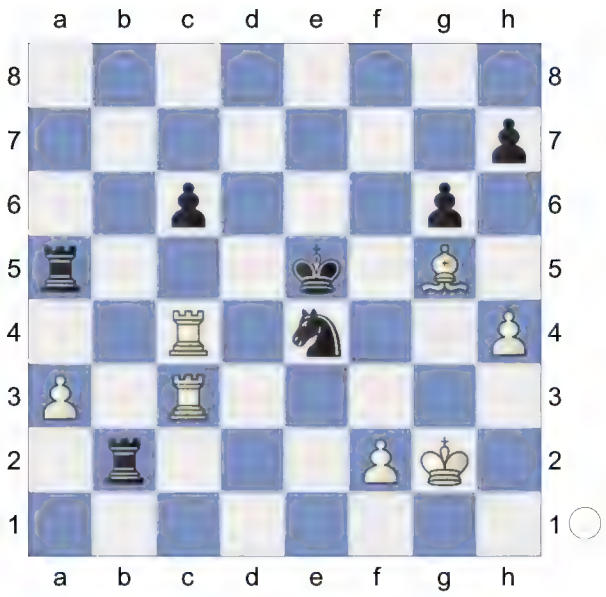
15.c4! Discovered Attack **15...bxc4 16.Bxe5 Ke7** 0.47/18
[16...0-0= -0.02/21]
17.Nf3 Nbd7 18.Bc3 A strong pair of Bishops. White is weak on the light squares **18...Be4 19.0-0 Rhc8 20.Rfd1 Nd5 21.Bd2 c3 22.Bg5+ Ke8** 1.02/23
[22...Kd6= 0.06/21]
23.Rd4!± Nc5 24.Rc4 Ra5 25.Rc1 Rb8 2.17/27
[25...Rca8± 0.88/18]
26.Nd4 Bxg2 27.Kxg2? 0.30/22
[27.Nxc6+- 1.88/25 Nb6 28.Nxa5 *(28.Nxb8 Nxc4 29.Kxg2 Na4±)* 28...Nxc4 29.Nxc4]
27...Kd7 1.29/22
[27...Ra4!= 0.30/22 remains equal. 28.Rxc5 Rxd4]

(Diagram)



28.Nf3 -0.01/24
[28.Rd1!± 1.29/22]
28...Rb2 29.e4↑ White fights for an advantage. **29...Nb6** 0.51/24
[29...Nd3= 0.09/26 is more appropriate. 30.exd5 Rxf2+ 31.Kg3 Rxf3+ Remove Defender, Decoy 32.Kxf3 Ne5+ 33.Ke4 Nxc4 34.dxc6+ Kxc6]
30.Rd4+±
[30.R4xc3 Nxe4 31.R3c2 Rbxa2∓ *(31...Raxa2 32.Rxb2 Rxb2 33.Be3∓)*]
White stays focused until the end.
30...Ke6? 4.20/22
[Better is 30...Kc7!± 0.52/20]
31.Rxc3+- and Bd8 should not be overlooked **31...Nbd7 32.a3** 2.36/20
[⌓32.e5 4.63/20]
32...Ne5? 4.69/24
[32...Rb3 2.36/20]
33.Nxe5 Kxe5 34.Rdc4 Nxe4 5.66/26
[34...Ne6 2.79/23 keeps fighting. 35.Kg3 *(35.Rxc6 Nxg5 36.R6c5+ Rxc5∓)* 35...c5]

(Diagram)

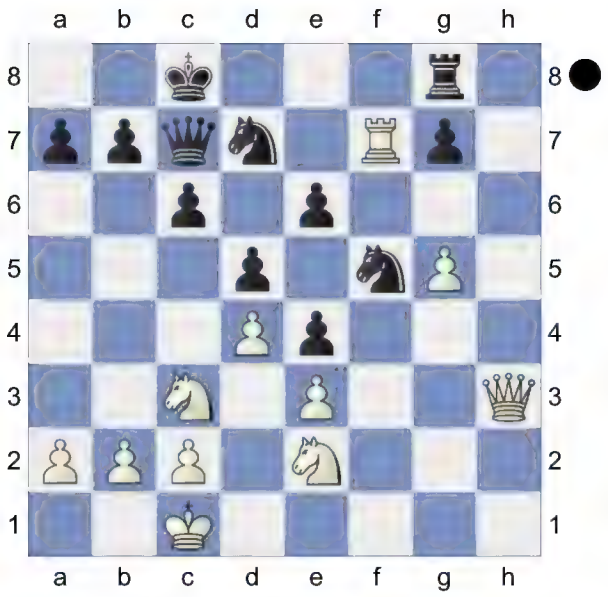


35.Re3!
[Inferior is 35.Rf3 Nxg5 36.hxg5 Kd6=]
35...Rxf2+ 36.Kg1 Rf5 37.Rexe4+ Kd5 38.Red4+ Ke5 39.Rd3 c5 40.Rc2 Ke4 41.Rd1 Ra4 42.Re2+ Kf3 43.Rg2 Rxa3 44.Re1 c4 45.Kh2 c3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.68
46.Re3#
1-0

175 **A00**
□ **Daenen,Serge** **2230**
■ **Boloban,Alexey** **2291**
corr Giraudet mem 01.11.2009
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.g5**
[3.h3 e5 4.d4 Nd7 *(4...e4 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO A4 2000*)* 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005]
3...e5 4.h4 h6 5.d4N
[5.d3 hxg5 6.hxg5 Rxh1 7.Bxh1 Ne7 8.e4 Be6 9.Bf3 Nd7 10.Bg4 Bxg4 11.Qxg4 Qa5+ 12.Ke2 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Kb8 14.Nb3 Qa4 15.Nf3 g6 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bf4 Nc8 18.Bxe5+ Bd6 19.Bxd6+ Nxd6 ½-½ 5.a4 ♗g4 6. ♘e5 ♗h5_4140-Elobeid,A 78/(100) Minsk 2000]
5...hxg5 6.hxg5 Rxh1 7.Bxh1 e4 8.Bf4 Against Qc7. Black is better.
8...Ne7 9.Qd2 Ng6 10.Nc3 Be7 -1.02/12
[10...Nd7-+ -1.65/12 White must now prevent ...Nb6. 11.e3 Nb6]
11.Be3 -2.06/6
[11.f3∓ -1.02/12 was worth a try.]
11...Qc7-+ 12.f4 Bd6 13.0-0-0 Bxf4 14.Rf1 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Be6 16.Bg2 Nd7 17.Bh3 0-0-0 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rf7 Nh4 aiming for ...Nf5. **20.Qh3**
[20.Rxg7? perishes. Nf5 21.Rxd7 Kxd7-+ *(21...Nxe3? 22.Rxc7+ Kxc7 23.Kd2-+)*]
20...Nf5 21.e3 Prevents Qf4. **21...Rg8 22.Nge2**

(Diagram)



Qd8! 23.Kd2 Rh8
[23...Qxg5 24.Nf4 Qh6 25.Qxh6 gxh6 *(25...Nxh6? 26.Re7-+)* 26.Nxe6∓]
24.Qg4 g6 25.Nf4 Qg8 26.Rxf5 gxf5 Black is clearly winning. **27.Qg3 e5 28.Nfe2 Qg7 29.Nd1 Rh5**
[Resist 29...Rg8 30.dxe5 Qxg5 31.Qh3-+]
30.dxe5 Rxg5 31.Qf4 Nxe5 32.c3 -8.26/9
[⌓32.Kc1 -4.76/8]
32...Nd3 33.Qf1 Rg2 34.Qxf5+ Kc7 35.b3 Qg3 -4.31/1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.15 (very precise) . Mistake: White=2 Black=1 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1 OK: White=6 Black=17 Strong: --- Black=1 . Loss on time!?
[⌓35...Rh2 -9.56/11 36.Qf1 Qg4]
1-0

176 **A00**
□ **Kolkin,M..** **2206**
■ **Poluektov,Y..** **2257**
Caissa Open (9) 02.03.2000
[Tim Sawyer,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2**
[2.h3 This move can transpose to the "Short Spike" covered in earlier games. Here we consider lines that do not transpose.
A) 2...Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.d4 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.c3 c5 7.Bf4 Qb6 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Nbd2 Bd7 11.0-0 Rfc8 12.e3 1-0 Basman,M-Sadler,M City Chess Quickplay 1988 The position give equal chances. Black's play will most naturally be on the Queenside, while White's play is most likely to be on the Kingside. Many adventures followed in;
B) 2...f5 3.gxf5 Bxf5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.b3 e5 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Nc3 c6 Black has a solid central advantage. 8.a4 Nbd7 9.Qb1 Qe7 10.d3 e4 11.e3 0-0 12.d4 Rae8 13.Nge2 a6 14.Qa2 c5 15.0-0-0 c4 16.Nf4 cxb3 17.cxb3 Rc8 18.Kb1 b5 1-0 Grob (2088)-guest1018 ICC 2 0 u Internet Chess Club 2000 Now the fireworks start. See the duel in;
C) 2...h5 3.gxh5 *(3.g5!? e5=)* 3...Nf6 4.d4 Nxh5 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.e3 f6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nxg3 10.fxg3 Qd6 11.Kf2 Qe6 White's Kingside is under great pressure. 12.Ng1 0-0-0 13.Bg2 Bh6 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nf3 f5 16.gxf5 Bxf5 17.Nbd2 g4 18.hxg4 Bxe3+ 19.Kg3 Qd6+ 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Qxe5+ 22.Kf3 Bxg4+

23.Kxg4 Qf4# 0-1. Sawyer-SharpShooter, ICC 2000;

D) 2...e5 3.d3 Be6 *(3...c6 4.Bg2 Bd6 5.c4 Ne7 6.Nc3 Be6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Bb4+ 9.Kf1 0-0 10.Nf3 f6 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 Nd7 13.Ng3 a5 14.b5 Nc3 15.Qd2 Nxb5 16.Nh4 Nd4 17.Rb1 Nc5 18.Qc3 Na4 19.Qe1 Qd7 20.Be4 Ba2 21.Ra1 Bd5 22.Qd1 Nc3 23.Qd2 Bxe4 24.Qxc3 Bxh1 25.Nxh1 Qd5 26.Ng3 Qb3 27.Qd2?? This allows the Rook on a1 to be trapped, but Black was better in any case. Nc2 28.Nhf5 Rf7 29.Nxe7+ Rxe7 30.Nf5 Rf7 0-1. Townsend-Schiller, Visalia 1994.)* 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.a3 a5 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.Nf3 Ng6 8.e4 d4 9.Ne2 Be7 10.Ng3 Nh4 11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.Nf5 g6 13.Nxh4 Qxh4 14.Qf3 f6 15.Qg3 Qxg3 16.fxg3 White plans to make use of the f-file to put pressure on Black's Kingside. h6 17.0-0 Ke7 18.Rf2 g5 19.Bf3 Nb8 20.Bd2 Nd7 21.Raf1 c5 22.c4 a4 23.Bd1 At first glance, this looks like a fairly level position, but White has no serious threats. Black decides to open the position up and play for a win. b5 24.cxb5 Rhb8 25.h4 Rxb5 26.Bc1 c4 27.Bd2 Rxb2 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.dxc4 Bxc4 30.Bb4+ Rxb4 31.axb4 Bxf1 32.Kxf1 Nb6 33.Ra2 Rc8 34.Bxa4 Rc4 35.Ke2 Rxb4 ;0-1 Basman,M (2405)-Botterill,G (2390) Lloyds Bank op 1979 (4) The dust has settled and Black was up a protected passed pawn in]

[2.e3 e5 3.Bb5+ *(3.d3 Nc6 4.Nd2 Be6 5.h4 Be7 6.h5 Qd7 7.f3* It is unusual to see White open the h1-e1 diagonal so soon in the game, but here it works. *h6 8.Ne2 Nf6 9.Ng3 0-0-0 10.a3 e4 11.fxe4 Nxg4 12.Nb3 Qd6 13.Qf3 Nce5 14.Qg2* ½-½. Rivas Pastor-Botsari, Stockholm 2000. *)* 3...c6 4.Be2 Bd6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.a3 Na6 8.Bf3 Nc7 9.Bd2 f5 10.gxf5 Nxf5 11.Qe2 Nh4 12.Bg4 Qf6 13.Bxc8 Raxc8 14.0-0-0 b5 *(14...Qxf2* drops the Exchange, although Black would get at least one pawn for it. *15.Qxf2 Rxf2 16.Be1 Rcf8 17.Bxf2 Rxf2⩱)* 15.Na2 Ne6 16.Qg4 Be7 17.f3 Qf5 18.Qg3 Qg5 19.Qh3 Qf5 20.Qg3 Rf7 21.Nc3 a5 22.e4 dxe4 23.fxe4 Qh5 24.Qh3 Rf6 25.Nce2 1-0 Fitter(C) (2550)-GMSoffer (2437) Rated Blitz Match / 1996 The Black Knights are in need of more protection, so there was no time to save the a5 pawn in]

2...e5

[2...Nc6 3.h3 g6 4.Nc3 d4 5.Ne4 Bg7 6.d3 Nf6 7.f4 0-0 Simple solid play by Anand. 8.Nf3 Nd5 9.0-0 e6 10.a3 f5 11.gxf5 exf5 12.Ng3 Qd6 13.Ne1 Re8 14.e4 dxe3 15.Qf3 Be6 16.c3 Nxc3! Very creative. 17.bxc3 Bxc3 18.Rb1 Nd4 19.Qxb7 e2 20.Nxe2 Nxe2+ 21.Kh1 Ng3+ 0-1. Sloan-Anand, Kuala Lumpur 1989]

[2...c5 3.h3 Nc6 4.c4 d4 5.d3 e5 6.Nd2 h5 7.gxh5 Nf6 8.Ne4 Nxh5 9.Nf3 ½-½ Landin,B (2135)-Ljavdansky,V (2320) White Nights op 1998 (1) White is playing a sort of Reversed Benoni. An interesting game followed in]

[2...Bxg4 See next Survey. 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Qxb7 Nbd7 7.Nc3 Nb6 8.Qa6?! *(8.d4=* puts a claim in the center.*)* 8...e5

9.Nf3 Bd6 10.0-0 e4 11.Nd4 0-0 12.d3 Qc7 13.h3 Bc8 14.Qa3?? Bxa3 0-1. Sawyer-SharpShooter, ICC 2000]

[2...e6 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 h6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.d4 Bd6 8.c5 Bc7 9.h3 b6 10.cxb6 axb6 11.0-0 0-0 12.a3 Bd6 13.Bd2 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Rac1 c4 16.Qc2 Nbc6 17.b4 Ba6 18.Be3 Bb7 19.Rfd1 Ng6 20.Nb5 Bf4 21.Bxf4 Nxf4 22.Nbd4 Nxg2 23.Kxg2 Nxd4 24.Nxd4 e5 1-0 Sawyer,T (2382)-huf (1377) ICC 4 0 u Internet Chess Club 2000 Black is making the most of his pawn center. White's plan is to keep the pressure on the center pawns and wait for a combination. He was successful in]

3.c4

[3.d4 e4 4.h3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.c4 Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxe4 Nbc6 10.Nf3 1-0 Tuturin,S-Sukhareva, O RUS-Cup02 Moscow 1998 (4) After an unusual beginning, we have reached a rather normal position. An interesting struggle was seen in the game h5 11.g5 Be6 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Kf1 Qc7 14.Bd2 a6 15.Rd1 b5 16.a3 Ba7 17.Be1 0-0 18.g6 fxg6 19.Ng5 Bc8 20.Nd5 Qe5 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Rxd8 Nxd8 23.h4 Bb7 24.Bb4 Bc5 25.Bxg6 1-0 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2240)-C22: 10 Ne2 CSSR 5/394 1968 (4)]

3...d4N

[3...dxc4

A) 4.Qa4+ Bd7 5.Qxc4 Nc6 6.Nc3 h5 7.Bd5 *(7.gxh5 Rxh5 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.d3 Na5* #4 15a) English Reti and Sidelin-Grob Opening: 1.g4*)* 7...Qe7 8.g5 0-0-0 9.Nf3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 Bc6 12.Qc4 Rxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxg5 14.e4 Nf6 15.Nxf6 Qxf6 #5 15a) English Reti and Sidelin-Grob Opening: 1.g4;

B) 4.Qc2 c6 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qc3 Nd7 *(6...Qd4 7.h3 Qxc3 8.Nxc3 Nf6 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.d3 h6 11.Bd2 Nbd7 12.a3 Nd5 13.b4 a6 14.Rc1 f6 15.Nh4 Nf8 16.0-0 g5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.gxf5 Ne7 19.Ne4 Nxf5 20.Nxf6+ Ke7 21.Ne4* 0-1 Jung,L-Noras,P (1956) Rheinland Pfalz op 8th 2016 (6)*)* 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.d4 Qe7 9.0-0 Bxg4 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Rd1 0-0-0 This game has made the rounds for a long time. I always liked the way Black keeps focus on the center, active play and the White King. 12.Rxd6 Rxd6 13.Nd4 Nf6 14.e4 Rxd4 15.Qxd4 Rd8 16.Qc3 Rd1+ 17.Bf1 Nxe4 18.Qe3 Qh4 0-1. Ellison-Hooper, corr. 1944]

[3...c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3 Ne7 6.Nc3 e4 *(6...Be6 7.Qxb7 Nbc6 8.Nxd5!+-)* 7.d3 exd3 8.Bf4 This is a promising gambit. Na6 9.0-0-0 Ng6 10.Bxd5 Qf6 11.Be3 Bb4 12.Rxd3 Ne5 13.Rd4 Bc5 14.g5 Qf5 15.Rf4 Bxe3+ 16.fxe3 Qd7 17.Nf3 Nc5 18.Qc2 f6 19.gxf6 gxf6 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Bf7+ 1-0. Grob-Langemann, corr. 1965.]

4.h3 This was played in a recent game where White once again chose a hybrid form of a Reversed Benoni.

[4.b4?! A tricky offer of both knight pawns. Neither can soundly be taken immediately, but this line has a flaw that Black misses. Bxg4 *(4...Qd7!∓)* 5.Bxb7 Bxb4 6.Bxa8 Na6 7.Bc6+ Bd7 8.Qa4 Bxc6 *(8...Nc5 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7 10.Qxb4 Qa8 11.Nf3+-)* 9.Qxc6+ Kf8 10.Qxa6 Ne7 11.Qxa7

c5 12.Ba3 d3 13.Bxb4 cxb4 14.e3 g6 15.a3 b3 16.Nc3 Nf5 17.Qc5+ Kg8 18.Qxe5 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Qd7 20.Nf3 Qb7 21.Qd5 Qb8 22.0-0 b2 23.Ng5 White mates in seven. bxa1Q *(23...Qe8 24.Rab1 Kg7 25.Qd4+ Kg8 26.Nxf7 Qxf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Qd7+ Kf6 29.Ne4+ Ke5 30.Qd5#)* 24.Qxf7# Black is checkmated. 1-0. Sawyer-c-knight, ICC 1999.]

4...c5 5.e4 Be7 6.d3 Bg5 Black exchanges his bad bishop. **7.Bxg5 Qxg5 8.Qd2** Black is clearly better. **8...Qxd2+ 9.Nxd2 Nc6 10.a3 Nge7 11.Ne2 Ng6 12.0-0 Nf4?** 0.72/19

[12...f6∓ -1.53/21 And now ...h5 would win. 13.b3 h5]

13.Nxf4± exf4 14.Nb3? -1.80/21

[14.e5!± 0.41/20 keeps the upper hand.]

14...b6? -0.18/22

[Better is 14...Ne5-+ -1.80/21 15.Rfb1 *(15.Nxc5 f3-+)* 15...Nxd3]

15.e5= Bb7 16.Rfe1 Na5!? 2.57/19 It looks like White was caught napping and just resigned. However, White is fine; all he needs to do is to take the Knight now and then take the Bishop on the next move. Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.76. Loses game: White=1 Black=1 Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: --- Black=1 OK: White=4 Black=3 Best: White=1 --- . Loss on time!?

[16...0-0-0= 0.00/23 and Black stays safe.]

0-1

177 **A00**

□ **Anciaux,Adrien** **2203**

■ **Le Tuan Minh** **2598**

Titled Tue 29th Apr Early blitz (6)

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings

1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 exd4N

[4...e4 5.c4 h5 *(5...Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bd2 h5 9.Qb3 Bc7 10.0-0-0 a6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.f3 exf3 13.Bxf3 hxg4 14.hxg4 Rxh1 15.Bxh1 Be6 16.Qxb7 Nd7 17.Qb3 Rb8 18.Qa4 Ba5 19.a3 Rc8 20.g5* ½-½ (38) Johansen,J (2360)-Reichardt,M (1797) CP.1998.P.00012 *)* 6.Nc3 *(6.g5 Bd6 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.f3 Bg3+ 9.Kf1 exf3 10.Nxf3 Bf5 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Bf2 Bd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Bxe4 0-0-0 16.Kg2 Bf4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Nde4 Ne5 19.b3 Ng6 20.d5 Ngh4+* 0-1 (26) Van Foreest,L (2544)-Sarana,A (2657) Titled Tuesday 20. Oct 2020 (4) *)* 6...hxg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 gxh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Rxh3 11.Nxh3 Nc6 12.Qxb7 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Kd1 Ne7 16.a3 Nbc6 17.e3 Na5 18.Nf4 Nb3

19.Rb1 0-1 (46) Vovk,O (2315)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tue 4. Jul Early 2023 (2)]

5.Qxd4 Na6 6.Nf3 Nf6

[6...h5 simplifies 7.c4 hxg4 8.hxg4 Rxh1+ 9.Bxh1 dxc4 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.g5 Ne7]

7.a3 -1.07/21

[White should play 7.Nc3∓ -0.44/19]

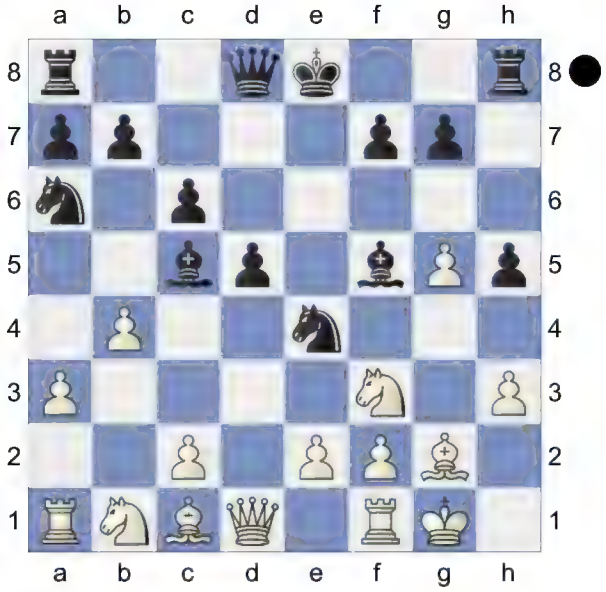
7...Bc5∓ 8.Qd1 -1.42/21

[⌓8.Qe5+ -0.87/19 Be7 9.Bg5]

8...h5 9.g5 Ne4 10.0-0 Bf5

Black has more active pieces. **11.b4** -1.93/20

[11.Nh4∓ -1.05/21 Be6 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Kg2]



11...Bb6!-+ 12.Bf4 -2.56/22

[12.h4∓ -1.57/18]

12...Nc7 and ...Ne6 would now be decisive **13.c4 Ne6**

[13...dxc4 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Nh4±]

14.Qc1 dxc4 15.Nc3 Nxc3

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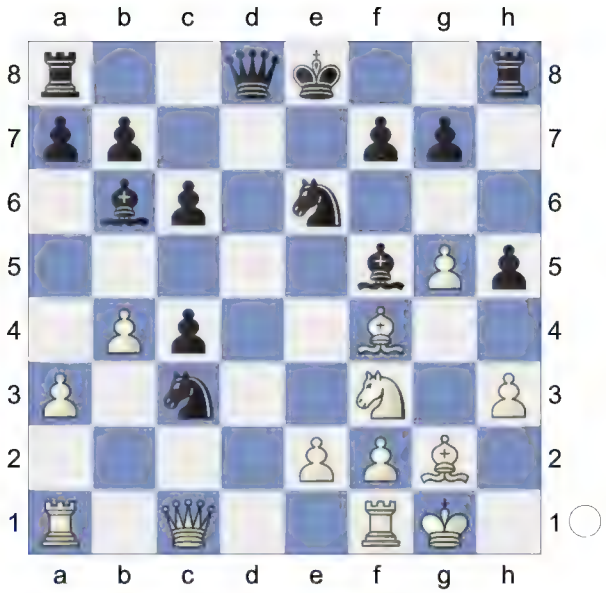

Deflection **16.Qxc3** And now Rad1 would win. **16...Nxf4 17.Qe5+ Be6 18.Qxf4 Qc7 19.Qe4** -3.53/20

[19.Qxc7 -2.40/20 was called for. Bxc7 20.Nd4]

19...0-0-0 20.Rad1 -4.30/21

[⌓20.a4 -2.96/19 Bd5 21.Qf5+ Qd7 22.Qxd7+ Rxd7 23.Ne5]

20...g6 21.Ne5? -7.78/23

[21.Ra1 -3.83/21]

21...Bd5 Black is clearly winning. **22.Qf4 Rhe8 23.e4 Qxe5 24.Qxe5 Rxe5 25.exd5 cxd5 26.Kh2 Rxg5 27.f4 Rf5 28.Rd2 Bc7 29.Kh1 d4 30.Rc2 b5 31.a4 d3** (-> ...Rxf4!) **32.Rcc1 Bxf4 33.Rb1 a6 34.axb5 axb5 35.Ra1 Be3 36.Ra8+ Kc7** (-> ...Rxa8) **37.Rxf5**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/Black=0.34

37...gxf5

0-1

178 **A00**
□ **Tiitta,S** **2157**
■ **Duarte Cramer,Lily Jeanette** **1828**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
1.g4 d5 2.h3 c5
[2...h5 3.g5 e5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Bg2 Qd7 7.a3 Nge7 8.b4 Ng6 9.Nf3 0-0-0 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 f5 13.gxf6 gxf6 14.Bd2 Rhg8 15.Rg1 Bxh3 16.Bxh3 Qxh3 17.0-0-0 ½-½ (70) Carlsen,M (2856)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz 2022 (9)]
[2...e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d3 Bd6 5.c4 Be6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.g5 h5 10.g6 f6 11.Nh4 Ne7 12.e4 d4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.0-0 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qb6 17.Nf5 1-0 (46) Carlsen,M (2853)-Dushyant,S (2345) Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz 2023 (1)]
3.c4N
[3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d3 e5 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Nf3 f6 7.a3 Nge7 8.Rb1 d4 9.Ne4 Nd5 10.c4 dxc3 11.bxc3 Qd7 12.c4 Nb6 13.Be3 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Bd2 Be7 16.a4 Rb8 17.a5 Nc8 1-0 (41) Carlsen,M (2856)-Riehle,M (2367) Titled Tue 11th Oct Late blitz 2022 (5)]
3...e6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nge7 -0.73/22
[5...dxc4?! 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Qa4∓]
[⌓5...d4 -1.18/21 6.Ne4 f5]
6.d3 -1.20/23
[⌓6.cxd5 -0.73/22 exd5 *(6...Nxd5 7.Nxd5 exd5 8.d4∓)* 7.d3]
6...d4∓ 7.Ne4 Ng6 8.Nf3 -1.81/22
[8.g5∓ -1.28/23]
8...Be7 -0.90/23
[8...f5-+ -1.81/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 9.Ng3 Be7]
9.g5 Nge5 -0.04/24
[9...h5∓ -0.98/23]
10.h4 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 e5 12.Qb3 Qc7 13.Qb5 -0.46/23
[13.Bd2= 0.22/23]
13...a6 14.Qb3 Bf5 0.01/24
[14...Be6∓ -0.35/22 feels stronger.]
15.Bd2= Rb8 16.0-0-0 -0.42/25
[16.Ng3= 0.30/22 Bd7 17.Bd5]
16...b5∓ 17.h5? -2.76/24
[17.Ng3∓ -0.79/24 Bd7 18.Kb1]
17...bxc4!-+ 18.Qxc4 Bxe4 3.93/23
[18...Nb4!-+ -2.26/23 avoids the disaster. 19.Bxb4 Rxb4 20.Qxa6 0-0]
19.Bxe4+- Nb4? 6.08/22 Black is weak on the light squares
[19...Nd8 3.22/22 20.g6 *(20.Qxa6 0-0+-)* 20...Qb6]
20.Kb1 Qa5 21.Bxb4? 0.57/27
[21.a3+- 8.11/23 Nc2 22.Bc6+ *(22.Bxa5 Nxa3+ 23.Ka1 Nxc4+-)* 22...Kf8 23.Qxc2 *(23.Bxa5 Nxa3+ 24.Ka2 Nxc4+-)* 23...Qxa3 24.Bd5]
21...Rxb4? 2.77/25
[21...Qxb4± 0.57/27 22.Qxb4 *(22.Qxa6? Qxb2#)* 22...Rxb4]
22.Bc6+ Kf8 23.Qd5 Qb6? 9.59/22
[23...Bxg5 1.97/23 24.Rdg1 *(24.Qxe5 Rxb2+* Decoy *25.Kxb2 Qb4+ 26.Kc2 Qc3+ 27.Kb1 Qb4+ 28.Ka1 Qc3+ 29.Kb1 Qb4+ 30.Ka1 Qc3+ 31.Kb1=)* 24...Qa3 25.Qxc5+ *(25.Rxg5? Qxb2#)* 25...Kg8]
24.Rd2? 3.22/23
[24.g6 9.59/22 Rxb2+ 25.Ka1 Rxa2+ 26.Qxa2]
24...Bxg5? 6.30/25
[24...Qd8 3.22/23 25.Qxe5 Bd6]

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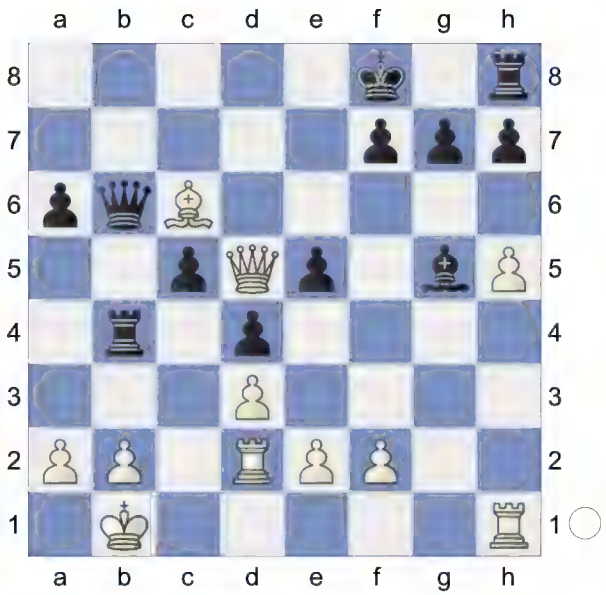
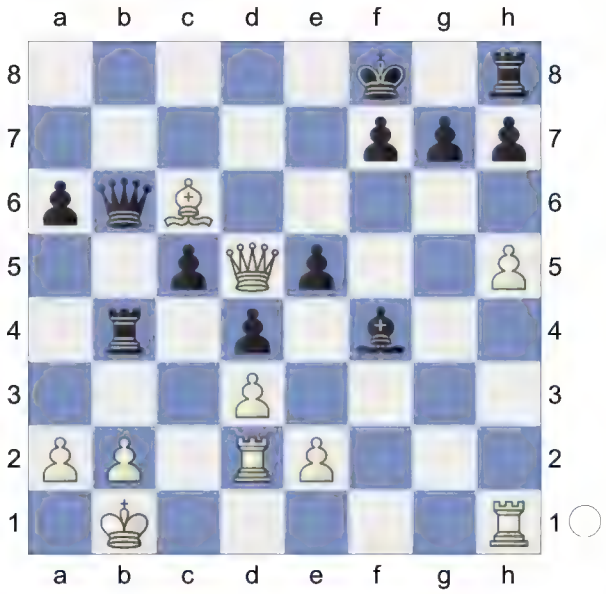


25.f4! Bxf4
[25...exf4 26.a3]



26.Rf1? 0.93/22 **Qc7± 27.Qxc5+?** -0.68/25
[27.Rc2± 1.60/24]
27...Qe7∓ 28.Rc2 -1.47/23
[28.Qd5!∓ -0.67/24]
28...Qxc5∓ 29.Rxc5 Ke7 30.Be4

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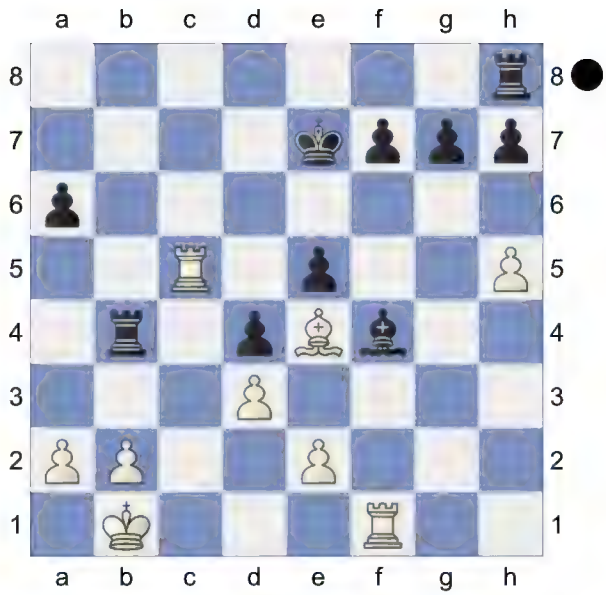

Rhb8? 0.01/24
[Better is 30...Rb6!∓ -1.50/23 and ...g6 would now be decisive
31.Rc7+ Ke6]
31.b3!= f6? 1.68/26
[31...g6= -0.01/25]
32.Rc7++-
[32.Bxh7?! Kd6 33.Ra5 R4b6=]
32...Kf8 33.Bxh7 0.57/26 White has more active pieces.
[33.Ra7± 1.41/24]
33...R4b7± 34.Rc4 Rb4 35.Be4 0.22/25
[35.Kc2± 0.71/24]
35...Rxc4= 36.dxc4 Endgame KRB-KRB **36...Ke7 37.c5 Rh8** 0.75/24
[37...a5= 0.01/23 keeps the balance.]
38.Rg1± Bg5

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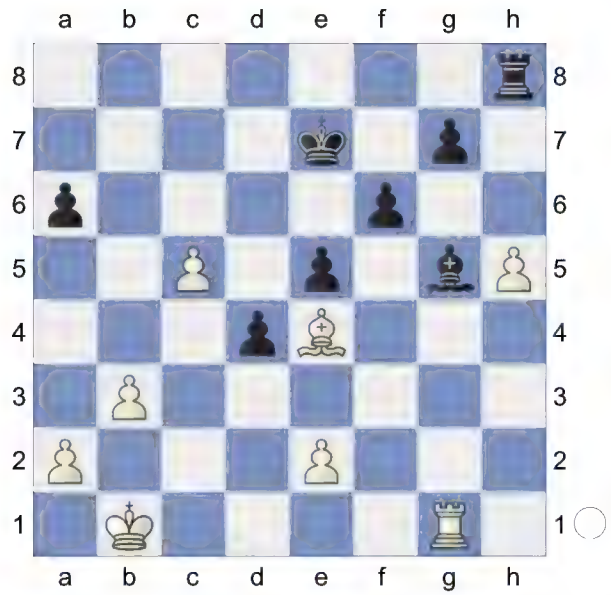


39.Bf3 0.11/23
[39.b4!± 0.75/23]
39...Kd7? 2.22/23
[39...Rb8= 0.11/23 and Black is okay.]
40.b4+- Kc7? 5.06/24
[40...Rb8 2.08/25]
41.Kc2 Rb8 42.a3 a5 43.Rb1 1.93/27
[43.bxa5 Rb5=]
[43.Kb3 7.31/25 Re8 44.Be4 *(44.bxa5 e4±)*]
43...axb4 2.91/27
[43...f5 1.93/27 was worth a try.]
44.axb4 Rb5? 8.46/23
[44...f5 2.42/25 45.Bd5 e4]
45.Kd3 f5 46.Kc4 Rb8 47.b5 e4 48.b6+? 0.52/23
[48.Bg2+- 5.14/21]
48...Kc6± 49.Bg2 Be7! 50.Bh3 Bxc5 51.Bxf5 0.01/23
[White should play 51.b7!± 0.54/24 Bb6 52.Bxf5 Kxb7 53.Bxe4+ Ka6 54.Kd5]
51...Rxb6= The position is equal.
52.Bxe4+ Kd6 53.Rg1 and Rg6+ should not be overlooked **53...Rb4+ 54.Kd3 Rb3+ 55.Kc4 Rc3+ 56.Kb5 Rb3+ 57.Kc4 Rc3+ 58.Kb5 Rb3+**

Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=1.01
59.Kc4
½-½

179 **A00**
□ **Djukic,Milorad** **2115**
■ **Prelevic,Dusko** **2320**
Belgrade Trophy 19th (5) 26.11.2006
[Gary Lane,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2**
[2.h3 has also been tried, to reach a sort of reversed Modern Defence, but with the extra psychological advantage of having played the silly-looking 1 g4.]
2...Bxg4 3.c4 c6
[Other moves: Other moves: 3...dxc4!? allows allows 4.Bxb7 winning the exchange, though it must be admitted that Black has reasonable compensation after Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 *(*not *6.Nf3? Ne5! 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qa3 Nd3+! 9.exd3 e6* followed by ...Qxf3 and ...cxd3 with the advantage*)* 6...e5 , as it is hard for White to develop smoothly; for example, , as it is hard for White to develop smoothly; for example, 7.Qc2 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.h4 0-0 10.Ne4 *(*unfortunately unfortunately *10.Nh3?* runs into runs into *Bxf3! 11.exf3 Qxf3 12.Nf2 Nc5* and wins *)* 10...Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Qxe4 12.fxe4 Nc5 and Black stood well in I.Horvath-R. Messa, Caorle 1981.]
[3...d4!? (the Romford Gambit) 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 is similar, if perhaps not as good. T. Stahl-N.Mattutis, Eppingen 1988,

continued is similar, if perhaps not as good. T.Stahl-N.Mattutis, Eppingen 1988, continued 6.f3 *(6.Nf3? d3!* winning is Black's big idea*)* 6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.h4 Nh6?! 9.Bxh6 gxh6 10.Nd2 Be6 11.Qa4 and White should consolidate.]

[3...Nf6 is also popular; for instance, is also popular; for instance, 4.Qb3 *(*or if or if *4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 Nb6 6.Qb3 Qd7* with equal chances, M. Klichev-M.Bezgodova, Dubna 2007*)* 4...Qc8 *(4...Bc8 5.cxd5 Nbd7 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.e4 e6 8.d4 exd5 9.e5 Nh5 10.Nxd5 Be6 11.Bg5 Qxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd7 13.Nxe6 Qxg2 14.Nc5+ Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qxh1 16.Qxf7+ Kc8 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf5+ Kc7 19.cxb6+* 0-1 Irlbacher,R (1443)-Weiss,W (2023) corr 8.DSFC/V1 Post 2017 *)* 5.Nc3 c6 6.cxd5 Nxd5? *(*instead instead *6...cxd5 7.Nxd5 Nc6!* again gives Black some compensation with his active pieces*)* 7.Nxd5 Be6 8.Qa4! b5 9.Qc2 1-0 P.Elger-M.Kurth, Kassel 1994.]

4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3

e6N 2.11/10 A shocking reply, which defends d5 but cuts off the retreat of the bishop on g4.

[Instead: 5...Nf6! allows allows 6.Qxb7 , but White doesn't have to fall for , but White doesn't have to fall for Qc8 -0.29/18 *(6...Nbd7!?* is worth investigating*;* Better is *6...Nbd7∓* -1.55/11 ...e5 would now be deadly. *7.Nc3 e6)* 7.Qxa8?? -#1/15 *(7.Qxc8+ Bxc8* is roughly equal*; 7.Qxc8+=* -0.29/18 *Bxc8 8.Nc3)* 7...Qxc1# , P.Dozsa-S.Booth, Sydney 1995, achieving the record for the shortest ever loss at the Australian Championship.]

[5...Qc7 -0.38/16 5...Nf6 -1.20 6.Nc3 *(*obviously not obviously not *6.Bxd5??* -3.82/11 6.Nc3 -0.34 *Qxc1+)* 6...Nc6 *(*upon upon *6...e6?* 2.83/9 6...Nc6 -0.46 the main game is echoed with *7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Qxg4* 1-0 R.Nilles-Iannizzi, Luxembourg 1992*; 6...Be6 7.Nxd5 Qd7 8.Nc7+ Qxc7 9.Qxb7 Qxb7 10.Bxb7 Na6 11.Bxa8 Nb4 12.Be4 Bxa2 13.b3 Nf6 14.Ba3 Nxe4 15.Bxb4 Bxb3 16.Rxa7 f6 17.f4 Bd5 18.Nf3 f5 19.0-0 e6 20.Bxf8* 1-0 8.♘d2 0-0 9.♗e2 e5-Taylor,J 41/558 Reggio Emilia 1985 *)* 7.Nxd5 Qd7 8.Ne3 And now Nxg4 would win. Be6 9.Qc3 Rc8 10.Nf3 Nf6 gave Black some compensation for the pawn based on the poorly placed white queen, A. Smirnov-G.Sergeev, Tula 2005.]

[5...Nf6!∓ -1.33/13 ...Qd7 is the strong threat. 6.Nc3 e6 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 11.d4 *(11.b4 Bxf2+ 12.Kxf2 Ne4+ 13.Bxe4 Qf6+ 14.Bf3 Qxa1 15.Bxg4 Rxc1 16.Qa3 Nf6 17.Bf3 e5 18.h3 Rf1+ 19.Kg2 e4 20.Bg4 h5* 7 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game*)*

11...Ra8 12.Qd1 Qb6 13.dxc5 Qxb5 14.Qd4 e5 15.Qd3 Qxd3 16.exd3 Nxc5 17.Bg5 Nxd3+ 18.Kf1 Rfb8 19.Bxf6 Rxb2 20.Bh4 Raxa2 1 Chapter P1-Games Chapter P1]

6.Qa4++- This trap has occurred in numerous games. White wins a piece because, unfortunately for Black, the light-squared bishop has been left stranded. This trap has occurred in numerous games. White wins a piece because, unfortunately for Black, the light-squared bishop has been left stranded.

[6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.h3 Bh5∓]

6...Nc6 White must now prevent ...Nf6. **7.Qxg4 Nf6 8.Qa4** . White is winning, though Black carried on until move 26 before admitting defeat. --- Ratings: Surprise value 5/10, Risk 8/10, Chance of success 5/10, Reward 8/10. --- DID YOU KNOW? Henry Grob was a fanatical correspondence player, who competed in over 3500 games. White is clearly better. **8...Bd6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Nc3 e5 11.d3 e4 12.dxe4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Bb4+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Re8 17.Qa4 Nd4 18.e3**

[18.Bxb7 Rxe2+ 19.Kd1 *(19.Kf1? Qh4-+)* 19...Rxf2-+ *(19...Rb8? 20.Re1∓)*]

18...Qh4 19.Kf1!

[19.Bxb7? is the wrong capture. Nf3+ *(19...Rxe3+ 20.Kd1=)* 20.Bxf3 Qxa4 21.Bxa8 Rxa8-+]

19...Rxe3 5.16/11

[⌓19...Qh5 3.28/21 20.Qxd4 Red8]

20.fxe3 Qf6+ 21.Ke1 Qh4+ White is clearly winning. **22.Kd1 Qh5+ 23.Kc1 Rc8+ 24.Kb1 Qf5+ 25.Be4 Qf2 26.Qd7** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.48. Mistake: --- Black=1 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=8 Black=6 Best: White=4 --- Strong: White=1 ---

1-0

180 **A00**

□ **Elgersma,Simon** **2100**

■ **Zelbel,P..** **2456**

55th Groningen Open 2017 (9.10)

[Neil McDonald,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.d3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.g5 Bd6 5.h4 Ne7 6.Nc3N** The point of this move is to deprive Black's knight of the c6 square and also deter him from playing g7-g6. Meanwhile if he answers e7-e5 then d5xe6 gives him a looser pawn structure.

[6.e4 Be6 *(6...0-0 7.Nc3 d4 8.Nce2 f5 9.gxf6 Rxf6 10.h5 Qf8 11.f3 a5 12.Bg5 Rf7 13.a3 b5 14.Ng3 h6 15.Bd2 c5* Grob,H-David, K FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1964 *)* 7.Nd2 Qc7 8.Bh3 Bxh3 9.Nxh3 Nd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Qg4 Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.exd5 cxd5 14.b4 Ne6 15.c4 Nd4 16.Ra2 a5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.0-0 Ne2+ ½-½ Juhasz,B-5. a4 ♗g4 6. ♘e5 ♗h5_4140 101/(136) Sora 2007 (1)]

6...Be6 In the archives we have seen Black responding passively with **7.a3** -1.25/14 It seems as if Black must renounce castling with 7... Rg8 or weaken his pawns with 7...f6. Zelbel has other ideas. In any case this is White's only consistent move as

[⌓7.e4 -0.81/11]

7...Nd7!∓ This appears to be an outright blunder, but appearances can be

deceptive. An important alternative is **8.e4** Black is better. **8...Qc7!** -0.84/13 At first glance it seems abysmal for Black- even if he gets back the pawn on e6 his structure is full of holes. But looking more closely we see that he can mobilise his pieces very quickly with Nc6 and Bxe6 and then break out with d6-d5. White's c-pawn is not only a target for the d6-d5: it lessens the scope of the bishop on f1 and leaves the white centre looser: nudge the pawn back to c2 and White would be much happier.

[⌓8...Qb6 -1.21/12 9.Bh3 Bxh3 10.Nxh3 Nc5]

9.Bd2 After **9...d4 10.Nce2** Black gains a big initiative after **10...c5 11.Qc1** -1.57/6 Trying to plug the centre as

[⌓11.b3 -0.82/12]

11...c4 12.f4 cxd3 A better sequence might be **13.fxe5?** -3.56/11 The cold blooded

[⌓13.cxd3 -1.79/10 Nc5 14.Qc2]

13...Nxe5-+ Taking away White's potential Nxf6+ after the sacrifice which follows. The alternative **14.Nxd4** Shutting in the bishop on f1 will prove disastrous. **14...dxc2!** -1.82/15 Another way to pursue the attack was

[⌓14...Rd8 -3.65/9 Threatens to win with ...Bc5. 15.Nb5 Qb6 *(15...Qxc2 16.Nxd6+ Rxd6 17.Nf3∓)* 16.Nxd6+ Qxd6]

15.Qxc2 Qxc2 16.Nxc2 Or **16...Nd3+** Similar to the game is **17.Ke2 Bc4 18.Ne3 Nxb2+** -1.46/12 The dust has settled. Black is a pawn up with the two bishops, a lead in development and a continuing initiative against the white king. It's no wonder that the game is soon over.

[18...Ba6-+ -1.87/13 19.Bc3 f6 *(19...Nxb2+ 20.Kf3=)*]

19.Nxc4∓ Nxc4 20.Bc3 -1.95/9

[20.Bb4∓ -1.48/13 keeps fighting.]

20...Be5 -0.61/14

[20...Nxa3 21.Bxg7 Rg8 22.e5±]

[Black should play 20...0-0!-+ -1.95/9 And now ...Rfe8! would win. 21.Kf2 Nc6 *(21...Nxa3? 22.Ne2-+; 21...Bxa3 22.Rxa3 Nxa3 23.Bb4∓)*]

21.Rc1 -1.26/10

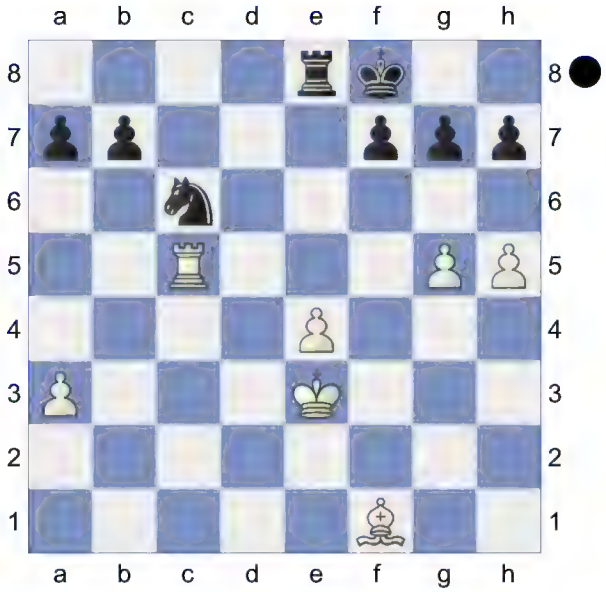
[21.Bxe5∓ -0.61/14 Nxe5 22.Nf3 Nxf3 23.Bxf3]

21...Ng6 Black is more active. **22.Bxe5 Ngxe5** -0.37/19 Excellent horsemanship.

[22...Ncxe5∓ -1.24/25 23.Bf1 h6]

23.Nf3∓ 0-0 A piece is lost after **24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Rc5 Rfe8↑** Black has some pressure. **26.h5** Prevents Ng6 **26...Rac8 27.Rhc1 Rxc5 28.Rxc5** Endgame. KRB-KRN **28...Nc6** etc. **29.Ke3 Kf8 30.Bf1!** -1.99/11

[30.Rd5∓ -0.42/12]



30...Re5!-+ 31.Rd5 -2.63/13

[31.Rxe5∓ -1.34/12 was the only chance. Nxe5 32.Kf4]

31...Ke7 32.Bb5

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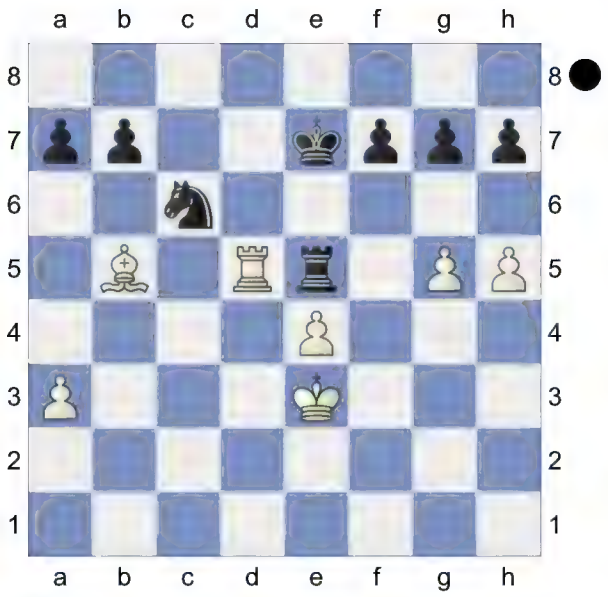

Rxd5! 33.exd5 etc. when the white king is in great trouble. KB-KN Or **33...Ne5 34.Ke4?** -4.14/13
[34.Kf4 -1.76/8 Kd6 35.Ke4]
34...Kd6 35.Be2 a6 Repels Bb5 **36.a4 Nd7 37.Kd4** -5.25/16 and Black will play Bg7 and Re8+ with a big attack.
[37.a5 -2.43/8 was worth a try.]
He might have tried **37...a5** though Black has the initiative after **38.Bd1 Nb6 39.Bc2 h6**
[39...Nxd5 40.Bxh7 Nf4 41.h6+-]
40.gxh6 etc. **40...gxh6 41.Bb3 Nd7** is still good. **42.Bd1!** seems to escape after **42...Nf6 43.Bf3 b6** -2.68/30
[⌓43...Nd7 -5.94/28 44.Bd1 Nb6]
44.Kc4 Ke5 45.Kb5? -6.54/11
[45.Bh1 -1.80/12]
45...Nxd5 46.Kc6
[46.Bxd5 gets mated. Kxd5 47.Kxb6 f5 48.Kxa5 Kc5 49.Ka6 f4 50.Kb7 f3 51.Kc7 f2 52.Kd7 Kd5 *(52...f1R? 53.Ke6-+; 52...f1Q* leads to mate. *53.Ke6 Qa6+ 54.Kf5 Qxa4 55.Kf6 Qh4+ 56.Kg7 Qg5+ 57.Kh8 Kd6 58.Kh7 Ke7 59.Kh8 Kf6 60.Kh7 Qg7#)* 53.Ke7 f1Q *(53...f1R 54.a5 Ra1 55.Kf6 Rxa5 56.Kf5 Ra4 57.Kf6 Rf4+ 58.Ke7 Rf5 59.Kd7 Rf7+ 60.Ke8 Ke6 61.Kd8 Re7 62.Kc8 Kd6 63.Kd8 Re4 64.Kc8 Rb4 65.Kd8 Rb8#)* 54.a5 Qf5 55.a6 Ke5 *(55...Qxh5* is a self mate. *56.a7 Qe2+ 57.Kf7 Qf2+ 58.Kg7 Qxa7+ 59.Kf6 Qf2+ 60.Ke7 Qf4 61.Kd8 Kd6 62.Kc8 Kc6 63.Kd8 Qf8#)* 56.Kd8 Kd6 *(56...Qxh5 57.Kc7 Qf7+ 58.Kc6 Qc4+ 59.Kd7 Qxa6 60.Kc7 Qb5 61.Kd8 Kd6 62.Kc8 h5 63.Kd8 Qd7#)* 57.Ke8 Qf6 58.a7 Qe7#]
46...Nc3 47.Kxb6 Nxa4+ 48.Kxa5 Nc3 49.Kb4 and White has more or less equalised. Annoyingly for Black there is no follow up after **49...Kf4?! 50.Bc6 Ne4 51.Kc4 f5**
[51...Nf6 52.Kd4∓]
52.Kd3 -10.96/12
[⌓52.Kd5 -4.39/11 Nf6+ 53.Kd6]
52...Nf6 to give White doubled pawns upon **53.Ke2** -11.23/15 how else to develop?
[⌓53.Kd4 -4.10/12 Nxh5 54.Bg2]
53...Nxh5 54.Kf2 etc. **54...Nf6** Strongly threatening ...Ne4+. **55.Bf3** looks very active for Black. **55...Ng4+ 56.Kg2 h5?** -0.07/16
[Black should try 56...Nf6-+ -6.58/14 57.Bb7 Ke3]
57.Bb7= The position is equal. **57...Ne3+ 58.Kh3 Kg5 59.Bf3 f4 60.Be2** planning Bc5. **60...Nf5** we transpose to 7.. .f6 8.h4 in the note to 7...e5 above. **61.Bf3** when **61...Nd4 62.Bd5** we looked at this in the archives where **62...f3?** was played in Hrabusa-Velicka. Instead he could have retreated his queen somewhere: White was under no obligation to unleash Black's dynamism. The game move is more forcing as Black hasn't 'wasted' a move

on 7...f6: therefore if the white queen goes away Black already stands well. ... Kf4 is the strong threat. **63.Kg3** has scored 3/3 for White, so we should be careful: **63...h4+ 64.Kf2 Kf4** Instead **65.Bb7 h3 66.Bd5 Kg4** also gives Black the initiative. **67.Bb7 Kf4 68.Bd5 Nc2** ...Ne1! would now be deadly.
[Here 68...h2 69.Bxf3!]
69.Bxf3 Ne1 Deflection **70.Be2 h2 71.Bf3!** Deflection **71...Nxf3 72.Kg2 Ke3** Black has a clear edge but was later bamboozled in Grafl,F (2317)-Konopka,M (2479) Pardubice 2001. Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.99/Black=0.36. Mistake: White=11 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=3 --- OK: White=18 Black=17 Best: White=6 Black=6 Strong: White=1 Black=2 . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
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A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 h5! 3.gxh5**
[3.h3 hxg4 4.hxg4 Rxh1 5.Bxh1 Qh4 6.Bf3 e4! 7.Bg2 *(7.Bxe4? Qxg4-+)* 7...Qh2 8.Kf1 d5∓]
[3.f3? Qh4+ 4.Kf1 hxg4 5.fxg4 *(5.Qe1 gxf3! 6.Nxf3 Qxe1+ 7.Kxe1 e4 Δ...d5)* 5...Qxg4∓]
[3.Bh3?! d5 4.c4 hxg4 5.Bg2 c6∓]
[3.Bf3?! d5 4.e3 e4 5.Be2 hxg4 6.Bxg4 Bxg4 7.Qxg4 Nf6∓]
[3.e3 hxg4 4.Qxg4 d5∓]
3...Qg5N
[3...Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nf3 Rxh5 9.Nc3 Bf5 10.Nd4 Bg6 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Bxd6 cxd6 33 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter]
[3...d5 4.d4 e4 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Bg3 Nf6 7.Qd2 Na6 8.Nc3 c6 9.Qg5 Rxh5 10.Qxg7 Bf8 0-1 Hengstler-Schlenker Zavelstein 1976]
4.Bf3 Qh4! 5.d3 Bc5 Black has compensation. **6.e3 c6**
[6...Nf6!? See article in Jan-Feb 96 APCT bulletin]
7.Ne2 d5 8.Nbc3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nf6** -0.35/21
[8...Nh6∓ -0.80/20]
9.Ng3!∓ Ng4 0.53/24
[9...Bh3= -0.29/20]
10.Qe2 Be6
[10...Nxh2?! 11.Bg2+-]
11.Bd2 Na6!
[11...Nxh2? 12.0-0-0+-]
12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Rdg1 Nh6 14.Kb1?!
[14.Nf1!? 0.17/21 14.Kc1-b1 0.62 Nf5 0.72/23 *(14...Rhg8= 0.17/21)*]
14...f5! 15.e4? -0.23/20
[15.d4 Bd6
A) 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg2! 0.00/21 *(17.Qe1± 0.47/19)* 17...Ng4 0.96/21 *(17...Qe7= 0.00/21* keeps the balance.*)* 18.f3! 0.50/24 *(18.f4± 0.96/21 Bd6 19.Bf3)* 18...Nf6 19.e4! -0.12/23 *(19.Be1± 0.79/21)* 19...dxe4 0.33/18 *(19...fxe4= -0.12/23 20.fxe4 d4)* 20.fxe4;
B) White should try 16.dxe5± 0.59/24 Bxe5 17.Qe1;
C) 16.Nd1 -0.48/17 16...e4 -0.12/20 *(16...exd4∓ -0.48/17* was preferrable. *17.Ba5 Rde8)* 17.Bg2= Qe7!]

[15.d4± 0.44/21 Bd6 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg2]

15...dxe4!= 16.dxe4 f4 17.Nf1 Rd7

[17...Nf7!?]

18.Nd1 -1.40/21

[18.Be1!= 0.02/19 remains equal.]

18...Rhd8!∓ Black is much more active.

19.h3 Ng8 -0.75/22

[19...Bxh3? 20.Qe1+-]

[19...Nc7!-+ -1.69/18 and Black stays clearly on top. aiming for ...Nc7-b5! 20.a4 Ng8 *(20...Bxh3 21.Rg6±)*]

20.Rg4 Qe7 And now ...Ng8-f6! would win.

[20...Qxh5?! 21.Rxg7 Qh4 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Nh2±]

21.Rg6 -1.17/26

[21.Rhg1!∓ -0.53/23]

21...Nf6 White must now prevent ...Bc5-b4. **22.Rhg1 Qf8! 23.Bg4?** -2.66/20

[23.Qe1∓ -0.99/22 might work better.]

23...Nxg4-+ 24.Rxe6 f3 25.Rxc6+! Nc7 -1.14/25

[25...Kb8!-+ -2.28/25 26.Qb5 Nxf2]

26.Qe1 -1.53/25

[Better is 26.Rxc7+ -1.14/25 Kxc7 27.Qe1]

26...Nh2→ -0.97/23 Black is out for blood.

[26...Nf6 27.Rxc7+ Kxc7 28.a3∓]

[⌓26...bxc6 -1.53/25 27.hxg4 Ne6]

27.Rxc7+∓ Kxc7 28.Nfe3 -3.46/23 **Nf1??** 4.01/22

[28...Rxd2-+ -3.46/23 avoids the disaster. 29.Nd5+ R8xd5 30.exd5 Rxd1+ D e f l e c t i o n *(30...Rxd5 31.Nc3=)* 31.Qxd1 Bxf2 32.d6+ Kd8 *(32...Qxd6?* perishes. *33.Rxg7+ Kc6 34.Rg6+-* Pin *)*]

29.Nxf1+- Qd6

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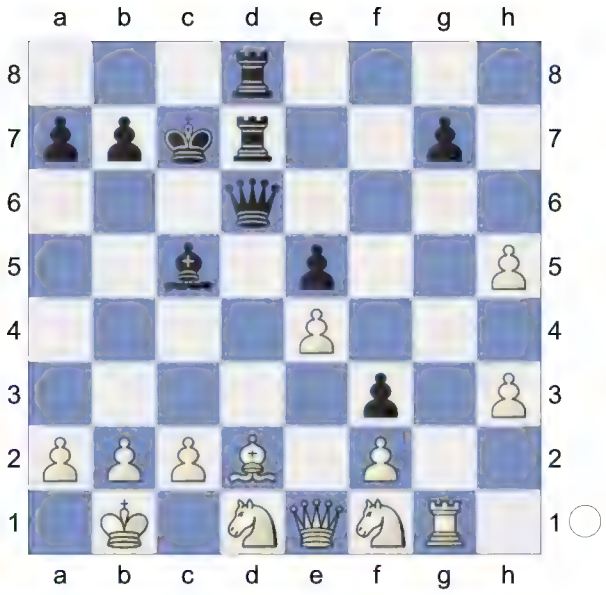
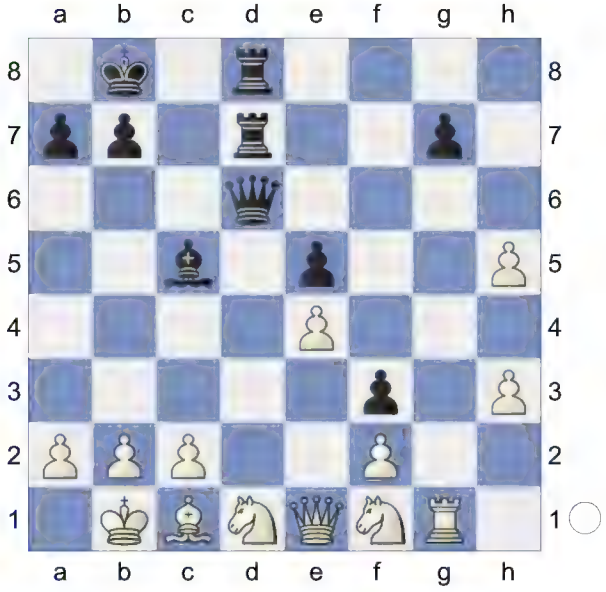


30.Bc1? -1.21/19 **Kb8?** 4.44/22

[30...Qxd1∓ -1.21/19 keeps the pressure on. 31.Ne3 Qxe1 32.Rxe1 Bxe3 33.Rxe3 Rd1 34.Rc3+ *(34.Rxf3 Rf1∓)* 34...Kb8 35.Rxf3 Rf1]



31.Nh2?? -2.94/19 **Qxd1-+ 32.c3?** -9.99/25

[⌓32.Ng4 -2.65/21]

32...Qd3+ 33.Ka1 Qc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.51. Loses game: White=2 Black=1 Missed

win: White=2 Black=1 Mistake: White=5 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=6 Black=8 Best: White=1 Black=2 Strong: White=1 Black=3
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182 **A00**
☐ **Grob'S Opening**
■ **1 g4 & other rare 1st moves**
Flank Openings 15.01.2019
[ChessPublishing.com,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4** Commonly called The Grob, this is like a kingside version of the Orang-utan (1 b4). White attempts to control the light squares, and will try to continue with Bg2, and c4. Later, he can advance his kingside pawns, with a possible kingside attack. Often his king stays in the centre, behind his e and d-pawns. The problem is that the pawn weaknesses incurred on the queenside, after 1 b4, in the Orang-utan, are a lot less palatable on the kingside, as the king is too close for comfort. Both f4 and h4 find themselves undermined from the very first go. White's results are quite abysmal with this line, and it is no great surprise that few players have been willing to take such risks in the opening. Nevertheless, the opening received a fillip when the English International Master Mike Basman espoused the opening in the Eighties, although even with his natural feel for the original, his score was nothing to write home about. The young Skembris also experimented with the opening a few times, but before he became a Grandmaster, of course!

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[1.e3 Nf6 *(*Both *1...e5* and*; 1...d5* are more common*.)* 2.g4?! a delayed Grob. *(2.Nf3* and*; 2.c4* will likely transpose elsewhere*.)* 2...h6! 3.Bg2 d5 4.h3 e5 and Black was soon better, Larino Nieto,D-Sumets, A/Llucmajor 2018.]

[Other (extremely rare) first moves: ChessPublishing.com: 'Other (extremely rare) first moves:' 1.f3 Well, I suppose if I had to pick the worst possible opening move, this would probably be it! White weakens his king protection, and kingside dark squares with no obvious advantages. Well, except that f2 is made available

for his knight or king. ChessPublishing.com: 'Well, I suppose if I had to pick the worst possible opening move, this would probably be it! White weakens his king protection, and kingside dark squares with no obvious advantages. Well, except that f2 is made available for his knight or king.' e5 2.Kf2?! *(* This is a really bad move, the 'normal' line would be ChessPublishing.com: 'This is a really bad move, the 'normal' line would be' *2.Nh3 d5 3.Nf2* followed by g3 and Bg2. ChessPublishing.com: 'followed by g3 and Bg2.'*)* 2...d5 3.d3 d4! see Desmarais,C-Seres,L/ Budapest HUN 2001.]

[1.Nh3 is similar, White will follow with f3 and bring the knight there. My German teammate, Andre Lisanti, plays these variations a lot, and always seems to get good positions! ChessPublishing.com: 'is similar, White will follow with f3 and bring the knight there. My German teammate, Andre Lisanti, plays these variations a lot, and always seems to get good positions!' d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.f3 g6 etc., see the Desarmais game.]

1...d5 This is by far the most popular reply, threatening to capture the rogue white g-pawn. ChessPublishing.com: 'This is by far the most popular reply, threatening to capture the rogue white g-pawn.'

[The other key alternative is obviously 1...e5 , with a kingside outlook, this may transpose should Black follow-up with ... d5, but Black does have other ideas. ChessPublishing.com: ', with a kingside outlook, this may transpose should Black follow-up with ... d5, but Black does have other ideas.'

A) 2.c4 might be best, trying to control some light squares, and in particular d5.;

B) 2.h3?! This is also possible, but doesn't offer any noticeable advantages. d5! *(2...Bc5 3.c4 Ne7 4.Nc3 a5 5.d3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbc6 7.Bg2* Basman, M-Bellin,R/ Edinburgh 1985. ChessPublishing.com: 'Basman, M-Bellin,R/ Edinburgh 1985.'*)* 3.Bg2 Nc6 *(3...c6* would transpose to the game Basman-Strauss.*)* 4.c4 White is fighting for the central light squares, dxc4 5.Qa4 *(5.Bxc6+!?)* 5...Nge7 6.Nf3 Ng6 7.Nc3 Be6 Basman,M-Miles,A/ Manchester 1981. ChessPublishing.com: 'Basman,M-Miles,A/ Manchester 1981.';

C) 2.Bg2 This may be inaccurate, 2...h5 This is a very popular idea, trying to ruin the white pawn structure, and isolate the h2-pawn, but I still think that ChessPublishing.com: 'This is a very popular idea, trying to ruin the white pawn structure, and isolate the h2-pawn, but I still think that' *(2...d5* is the best move.*)* 3.gxh5 Qg5!? 4.Bf3 Qh4 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.e4?! *(6.d3* Is less committal.*)* 6...Bc5 Skembris,S-Mariotti,S/Budva zt 1981.]

2.Bg2 A finesse, but one that does little to help the white position.

[If White defends the g4-pawn, instead, by 2.h3 then Black can continue e5 with an 'ideal' start - control of the centre, and easy development. 3.Bg2 c6 would then transpose to the mainline below.]

2...c6 This is the safest move, deterring

White from playing c4, which is his main source of counterplay (otherwise his g2-bishop will be 'scotched'), and genuinely menacing the g4-pawn. ChessPublishing.com: 'This is the safest move, deterring White from playing c4, which is his main source of counterplay (otherwise his g2-bishop will be 'scotched'), and genuinely menacing the g4-pawn.'

[2...Bxg4!? is certainly playable, but unnecessary, 3.c4 c6 *(3...dxc4!? 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5* offers Black excellent compensation for the exchange. ChessPublishing.com: 'offers Black excellent compensation for the exchange.'*; 3...d4!? 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 6.f3 e5* also offers good compensation, see Gareyev,T-Duda,J/St Petersburg RUS 2018*.)* 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 and White has changed the g-pawn for the b-pawn which doesn't make much sense. I think Black is already better here. ChessPublishing.com: 'and White has changed the g-pawn for the b-pawn which doesn't make much sense. I think Black is already better here.']

[2...e6 is not too ambitious, 3.d3 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4 see Pridorozhni,A-Jakovenko,D/Khanty-Mansiysk 2013.]

3.h3

[The real point behind Black's second move is that ChessPublishing.com: 'The real point behind Black's second move is that' 3.c4? is no longer feasible, dxc4 4.b3 cxb3 5.Qxb3 e5 and Black is a pawn up with a good position. Other possibilities are dealt with in the notes to the following game. ChessPublishing.com: 'and Black is a pawn up with a good position. Other possibilities are dealt with in the notes to the following game.']

3...e5 And Black has his central constellation. ChessPublishing.com: 'would then transpose to the mainline below.' ChessPublishing.com: 'would transpose to the game Basman-Strauss.'

4.d4 This is an integral part of White's attempt to drum-up some play against the black centre. ChessPublishing.com: 'This is an integral part of White's attempt to drum-up some play against the black centre.' **4...e4** The main line, gaining space, but this allows White to attack the black centre. ChessPublishing.com: 'The main line, gaining space, but this allows White to attack the black centre.'

[4...Nd7! I like this move, which keeps control of the position, Basman, M-Strauss,D/Brighton 1984. ChessPublishing.com: 'I like this move, which keeps control of the position, Basman, M-Strauss,D/Brighton 1984. ']

5.c4 Obviously 5...dxc4 is not possible, because the e4-pawn is en prise. ChessPublishing.com: 'Obviously 5...dxc4 is not possible, because the e4-pawn is en prise.' **5...Bd6**

[Reject 5...dxc4?! 6.Nc3=]

6.Nc3 Ne7 Black's set-up makes perfect sense, protecting the d5 pawn whilst keeping open the option of ... f7-f5, Basman,M-Keene,R/Manchester 1981. Best: --- Black=1 ChessPublishing.com: 'Black's set-up makes perfect sense, protecting the d5 pawn whilst keeping open the option of ... f7-f5, Basman,M-Keene,R/Manchester 1981.'

[But not 6...dxc4?! 7.Nxe4 *(7.Bxe4 Na6=)* 7...h5 8.gxh5±]

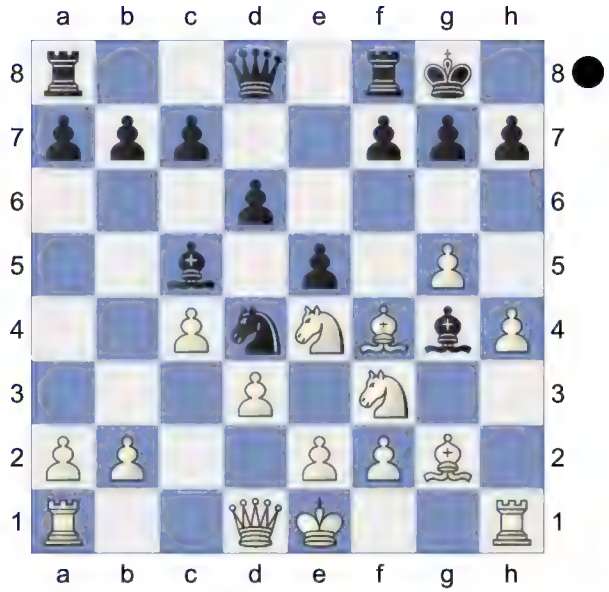
183 **A00**

☐ **2. Grob Attack 1.g4**

■ **2.Bg2 (3.c4 10.Ne4)**

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4** The Grob is one of the more frequently occurring oddities in the text. The major thought process with facing the Grob needs to be use of h4 and f4 for a Knight. This idea will be a catalyst across multiple variations. **1...e5** **2.Bg2** Keep in mind 2. c4 will also transpose to the main variation here. **2...Nc6** **3.c4** The best attempt for White preventing d5 but we have other resources in the position leading to a better position. **3...Nge7** This is the starting of our wonderful idea playing against the weakened squares (h4 + f4) . This is the starting of our wonderful idea playing against the weakened squares (h4 + f4) . **4.Nc3** **Ng6** Major Memory Marker Because White played g4, we should think take advantage of the weaknesses on f4 and h4 to gain time. This is the secondary plan and what is seen more frequently than the variations where d5 is allowed. 4... d6 Was seen in Gareev, T. - Kojima, S., 1-0, Hawaii GM Blitz 2015 which lead to my analysis reaching the idea seen in the text. Major Memory Marker Because White played g4, we should think take advantage of the weaknesses on f4 and h4 to gain time. This is the secondary plan and what is seen more frequently than the variations where d5 is allowed. 4... d6 Was seen in Gareev, T. - Kojima, S., 1-0, Hawaii GM Blitz 2015 which lead to my analysis reaching the idea seen in the text. **5.Nf3** **Bc5** Comparing this position to our chapter on the English where we employ the Karpov Variation, it feels as if something has gone terribly wrong for White. This should bring us confidence when playing against the Grob. **6.h3** Easily the mainline in practice. **6...d6** **7.d3** **0-0** **8.g5** **Nd4** **9.h4** **Bg4** **10.Ne4** The critical variation in the line. **10...Nf4** Starting a forcing sequence, do not be afraid of the complications. **11.Bxf4**



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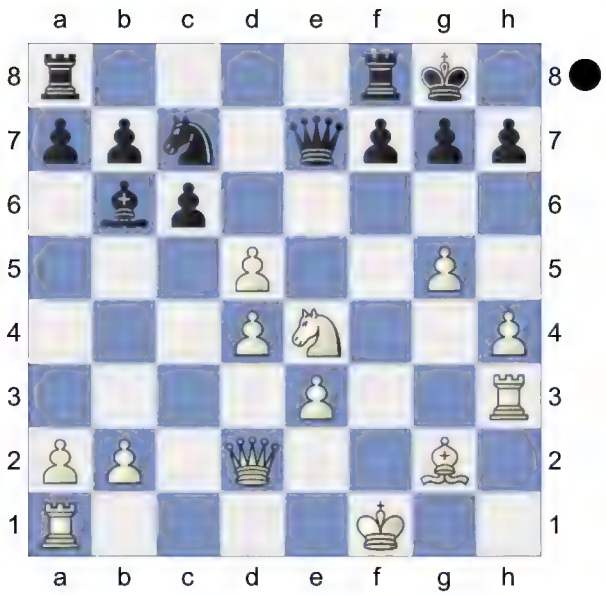
aiming for Bf4-d2. **11...Bxf3** **12.Bxf3** **exf4** **13.Bg2N** -0.65/25

[White should try 13.Qc1= -0.10/19 Ne6 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.Qd2 c6 16.0-0-0 Qd6 2. Grob Attack 1.g4-2. Bg2]

13...c6∓ **14.Kf1** **Qe7** At no point in time are we concerned with White capturing on c5 as it only is a means of strengthening our Knight and grip in the position. **15.Qd2** **Ne6** **16.e3** **fxe3** **17.fxe3** **Bb6** **18.d4** **Nc7** **19.Rh3** **d5** **20.cxd5**



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☐ **Grob Attack G4**

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[10...c6∓ -0.55/22 is more appropriate.]

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[18...d5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Rb5±]

19.Qb3 Nd4 20.Qc3 Qxc3 21.Nxc3 a5 22.Na4 Bb4 23.Rg1 With an equal position but it is a shade of equal where both sides can attempt to win. Again the thematic break of the f-pawn should be considered here to continue play. With an equal position but it is a shade of equal where both sides can attempt to win. Again the thematic break of the f-pawn should be considered here to continue play. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless) . Mistake: --- Black=1 OK: White=8 Black=7 Best: White=3 Black=1

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[7...d6 simplifies 8.Rg1 Nh3 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.d3 Qd7]

8.e3N -1.41/21 This move gets nasty but it is a clean forcing variation.

[8.d4!∓ -0.57/22 exd4 *(8...Nxd4 9.Nxe5 Ng6 10.Nd3∓)* 9.Bxf4 dxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.cxd5 Ne7 12.c4 Bg4 13.h4 Re8 14.Qb3 Ng6 15.Be3 Qd6 16.0-0-0 Bxe3+ 17.fxe3 b5 Grob Attack G4-2.Bg2 Mainline 9. Bxf4]

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[9.cxd5∓ -1.54/23 was necessary. Bg4 10.Nxe4 Qxd5 11.Rg1 Qxe4 12.Rxg4 Pin Nd3+ Discovered Attack 13.Bxd3 Qxg4 14.Qc2]

9...Bg4-+ Pin

[9...exf3 10.d4 Nxd4 11.Be3 dxc4 12.Qd2∓]

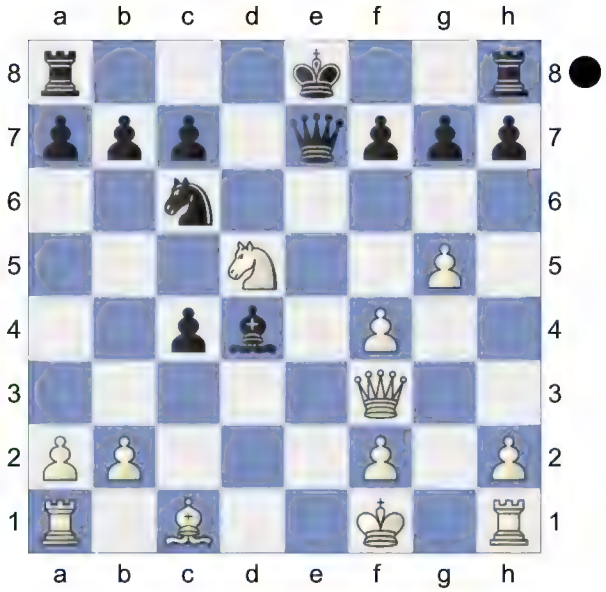
10.Be2 exf3

[Don't do 10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 exf3 12.d4 Nxd4 *(12...Bxd4 13.cxd5 Qe7+ 14.Kf1=)* 13.b4∓]

11.Bxf3 Qe7+ 12.Kf1 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 dxc4 Strongly threatening ...0-0-0. **14.d4 Bxd4**

[14...Nxd4 15.Qxb7 0-0 16.Be3∓]

15.Nd5



Qd6 Hoping for ...0-0-0. **16.Qe4+ Kf8** White's initiative is short lived and he is much worse, Re8 is to follow here. White's initiative is short lived and he is much worse, Re8 is to follow here. Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.03 (flawless) . Mistake: White=2 --- Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=3 Black=7 Best: White=1 Black=1 Strong: --- Black=1

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[9.h4= -0.30/19 remains equal. Bg4 10.Ne4 Nf4 11.Bxf4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 exf4 13.Qc1 c6 14.Kf1 Ne6 15.b4 Bxb4 16.Rb1 Qa5 17.Qb2 Ba3 18.Qxb7 Rac8 19.Qb3 Nd4 20.Qc3 Qxc3 21.Nxc3 a5 22.Na4 Bb4 23.Rg1 Grob Attack G4-2.Bg2 Mainline 13.Qc1]

9...exd4∓ Again, the correct capture. **10.Ne4** **Nh4** Any time the f3-Knight abandons his job of watching h4 it will be met by this response. **11.Kf1** **Bb6** **12.Bf4** **Re8** **13.Qc2** **a5** -0.70/18

[13...Be6∓ -1.08/19 14.b3 d5]

14.Bg3∓ **Nxg2** **15.Kxg2** **h5** Memory Marker This provocative move seals the advantage. Memory Marker This provocative move seals the advantage. **16.gxh6** -1.40/22 16.h4 d5 17.cxd5 Qxd5 18.f3 Bf5 Black has the Bishop Pair in an Open Position with no real weaknesses. It is difficult to foresee issues for Black in the near future. 16.h4 d5 17.cxd5 Qxd5 18.f3 Bf5 Black has the Bishop Pair in an Open Position with no real weaknesses. It is difficult to foresee issues for Black in the near future.

[⩲16.f3 -0.75/22]

16...f5∓ **17.Nd2** **Qf6**

[17...Qg5 simplifies 18.Nf3 Qxh6 19.Qc1 Qxc1 20.Raxc1 Rxe2 21.Rce1 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Bd7]

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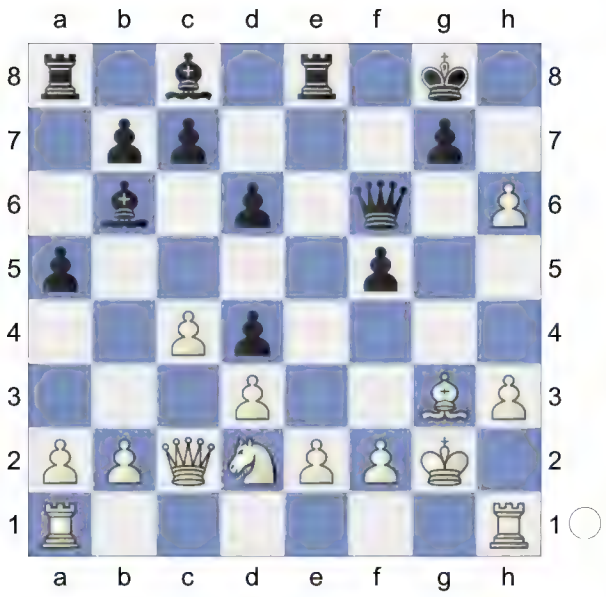

...f5-f4 is the strong threat. Black has strong compensation. **18.Nf3** 18.hxg7 f4 19.Ne4 Qxg7 20.Rag1 fxg3 21.Kf1 Rxe4 22.Rxg3 Qxg3 23.fxg3 Re3 24.Ke1 Bd7 25.Kd2 Rae8 26.Rh2 Bxh3 27.Qb3 a4 28.Qxa4 Bg4 29.Kc1 Kg7 30.a3 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Rxe2 32.Qd1 A technically winning position for Black. This is one of the longest variations in the text but emphasizes key ideas of activity and cooperation over the lone Queen. 18.hxg7 f4 19.Ne4 Qxg7 20.Rag1 fxg3 21.Kf1 Rxe4 22.Rxg3 Qxg3 23.fxg3 Re3 24.Ke1 Bd7 25.Kd2 Rae8 26.Rh2 Bxh3 27.Qb3 a4 28.Qxa4 Bg4 29.Kc1 Kg7 30.a3 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Rxe2 32.Qd1 A technically winning position for Black. This is one of the longest variations in the text but emphasizes key ideas of activity and cooperation over the lone Queen. **18...g5** The attack here plays itself for Black. The attack here plays itself for Black. Strongly threatening ...f5-f4!

[18...gxh6 19.Qd2=]

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[19...Kxh7 20.Qd2∓]

20.e4 f4↑ White is under strong pressure. **21.h4 g4**

[21...fxg3 22.hxg5 Qg7 23.Rh4∓]

22.Ng5 Rf8

[Stronger than 22...fxg3 23.Raf1 Qe7 24.fxg3±]

23.Bh2 c6

[23...f3+ 24.Kg1±]

24.Rae1 -2.06/22

[⌓24.Rac1 -1.69/20]

24...Bc7 This position is not fun for White in the least. This position is not fun for White in the least. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless) . Mistake: White=4 Black=1 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1 OK: White=9 Black=7 Best: White=1 Black=2 Strong: White=1 Black=1

[24...f3+ 25.Kg1 Bc5 26.Qc1+-]

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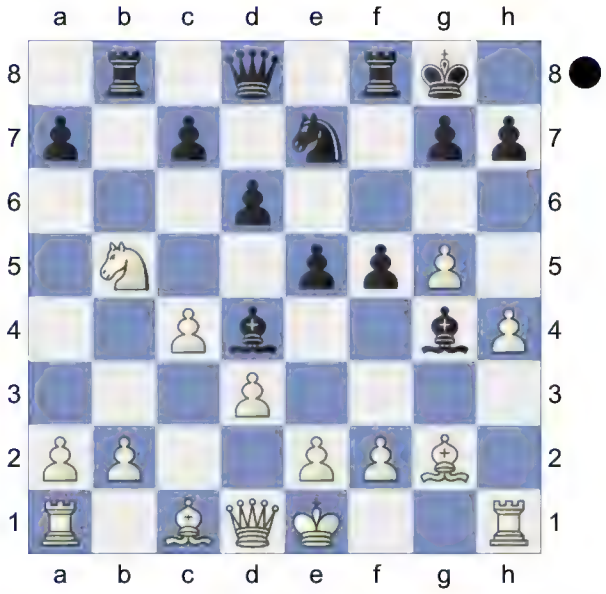
[10.h5 Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Ne4 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 14.exf3 Bd4 Grob Attack G4-2.Bg2 Mainline 10. h5]

10...Bxd4 A major Memory Marker as in all the other variation the pawn capture was required.

[10...exd4?! 11.Ne4±]

11.Bxb7 Rb8 12.Bc6 Ne7 Black has compensation. **13.Bg2 f5** The thematic break surfaces again. **14.Nb5**



Bb6! 15.Nc3 f4 16.Nd5 Bd4 Maintaining the Bishop Pair. **17.Be4 Nxd5**

[17...Bxb2? loses. 18.Rb1+-]

18.cxd5 c5 19.Qc2 dxc6 runs into d5 **19...Qb6 20.Kf1 Bf5**

[20...Bxb2? too greedy. 21.Rb1+-]

21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Rb1 h6 Another position where a pawn sacrifice around our King is used to attack. Prepare for double-edged play with these variations. **23.gxh6 gxh6 24.Bd2 Kh7 25.Ke1** -1.42/19

[White should play 25.Bc3 -0.97/23]

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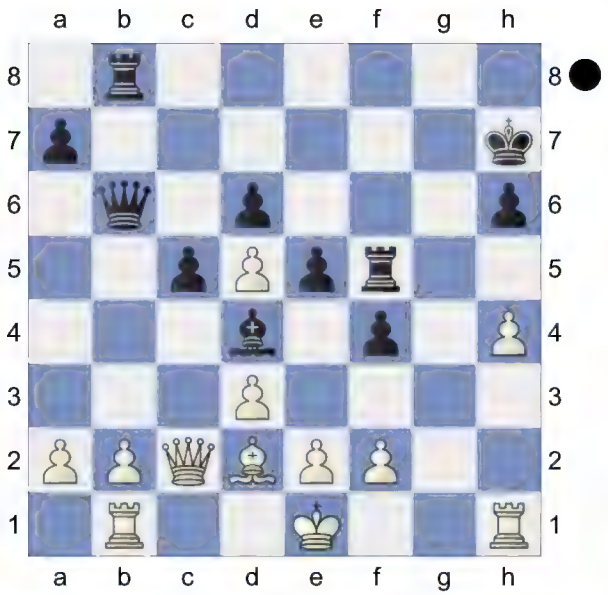

25...Qb7!∓

[25...Bxb2? is the wrong capture. 26.d4 Kg6 27.dxe5 dxe5 28.Rg1+ Kf6 29.Kf1+-]

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□ **The Grob**

■ **B: 1...c5**

[Richard Palliser,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**

[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4. 3)]

1...c5 A rare choice as Black usually prefers to move one of his centre pawns. Nevertheless, employing the same set-up as we did against the English makes a lot of sense. Not only is Black familiar with it, but he also avoids giving White an immediate central target to undermine. **2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c4N** White usually opts for a type of English like this,

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obscure position in N.Vlassov-H. Nakamura, online blitz 2004.]

3...g6 4.Nc3

[Alternatively, 4.g5 clamps down on Black's kingside and provokes ...h6. Playing that is not especially bad, but Black should prefer to counter in the centre: Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.Nc3 e6 7.h4 Nge7 8.d3 d5! 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bf4 a6 and Black's central control left him with a pretty reasonable position in D. Wedding-Wop, correspondence 1994. and Black's central control left him with a pretty reasonable position in D.Wedding-Wop, correspondence 1994.]

[White might also play for d4, but 4.e3 Bg7 5.h3 e6 6.Ne2 Nge7 *(6...d5!? 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d4 cxd4 9.exd4 Nge7 10.Nbc3 h5* is also possible, as in O.Vovk-V.Berezin, Kiev 2002*)* 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.exd4 d5 is fine for Black; once again White's advanced kingside will probably be more of a hindrance than a help to him.]

After 4 Nc3 Black continues to develop simply and sensibly: **4...Bg7** Black continues to develop simply and sensibly. **5.d3 d6** Now all of 6 e4, 6 e3 and 6 h3 (followed by 7 Nf3) can be met with our favourite anti-English set-up, namely 6...e5, followed by 7...Nge7 and 8...0-0. The only difference between this position and those considered in Chapters One and Two is White's extended kingside. That ought to help Black since he will be able to consider playing aggressively with ...f5, aiming to further weaken the white king position. Perhaps that explains why, when a Ukrainian IM reached the position as White after 5...d6, he tried the creative

6.h3 e5

[6...e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 is a good alternative]

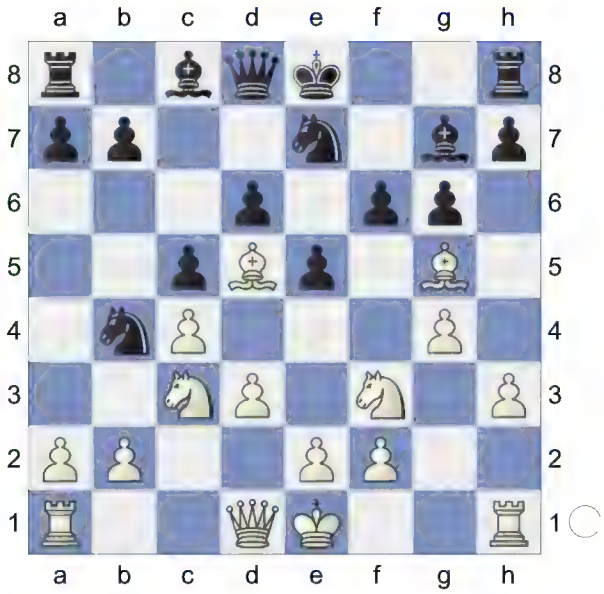
7.Bd5!? -0.51/17

[7.g5= -0.06/18]

7...Nge7∓ 8.Nf3 . However, even this wasn't enough to bring White close to any advantage, and. Black is slightly better. **8...Nb4** -0.21/20

[8...Nd4∓ -0.59/19]

9.Bg5 f6



White must now prevent ...Nexd5! **10.Bd2 Nbxd5 11.cxd5 a6** 0.05/22

[Black should try 11...b5!∓ -0.59/19]

12.a4= b6 13.e4 Bd7 14.Be3 h5! 15.g5 -0.82/10

[15.gxh5= 0.19/12 Rxh5 16.Nd2]

15...f5 saw Black taking over the initiative in S.Belezky-A.Vaya Gomez, La Roda 2005. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) . Mistake: White=2 Black=2 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=4 Black=5 Best: --- Black=1

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■ **Blatti,W..**
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[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings * Grob's opponent in this game was from Barcelona. He called it "Die verzwickteste" game of the year 1966

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[3.h3 e5 4.d4 Nd7 *(4...e4 5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO A4 2000*)* 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Bc7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nf4 14.Rg1 Nxg2+ 15.Rxg2 Qd5 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Rd1 Rd8 1-0 5.♘c3 g6 6.cd5 ♘d5 7.♗c (2390)-Watanabe,A (2425) NRW U18 op Olpe 2005]
3...e5 4.h4 f5N
[4...Bd6 5.e4 d4 6.d3 Be6 7.Ne2 Ne7 8.f4 g6 9.fxe5 Bxe5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxd4 Bg4 14.N4f3 Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Qg3+ 16.Kf1 0-0-0 17.Qe1 Qd6 18.Bh3 Bxh3+ 19.Rxh3 f5 Grob,H-Silberring,P FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1966]
5.d4
[5.gxf6 Nxf6 6.d3 Bc5 7.e3 Be6 gives Black a good game]
5...e4 6.Bf4 Black has a strong pawn centre but White controls the square e5.
6...Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.h5 Repels Ng6. Black has an edge. **8...Be6** -0.03/22
[8...Na6∓ -0.42/21]
9.c3 -0.57/23
[9.Bxd6= -0.03/22 Qxd6 10.Qd2]
9...Qc7 -0.09/23
[9...Bf7∓ -0.57/23 is superior.]
10.e3= Nd7 11.Nd2 c5 0.44/24
[11...h6= -0.18/21]
12.Rc1 -0.13/22
[12.Nb3 -0.19/22 12.Bxd6 0.53 was more precise, to attack c5. After c4 13.Nd2 the queenside will be blocked for a long time.]
[12.Bxd6± 0.44/24 Qxd6 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Bf1]
12...b5 0.55/26
[12...0-0-0= -0.13/22]
13.Bxd6 White should not reduce the tension in the centre.
[13.a3 -0.29/22 13.dxc5 0.59 came into consideration.]
13...Qxd6 14.Nf4 c4 15.a3 -0.57/20
[15.h6= 0.28/22 g6 16.f3]
15...a5 -0.04/22
[15...h6∓ -0.57/20 16.g6 0-0]
16.Nf1? -0.43/23 This leads to positional disadvantage.
[16.0-0 -0.59/20 16.h6 0.00 was correct, followed by f3 to obtain kingside counterplay.]
[16.h6!= -0.04/22 g6 17.0-0]
16...b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Ng3 Nb6 0.00/21
[18...b3∓ -0.46/22]
19.Ra1 -0.60/23
[19.cxb4= 0.00/21 Qxb4+ 20.Qd2 Qxd2+ 21.Kxd2]
19...Rxa1 20.Qxa1 Bd7 21.0-0 0-0 22.Qe1 Ra8 23.f3 -0.53/21
[23.cxb4= -0.06/21 Ra2 24.Qb1]
23...Ra2!∓ 24.Qb1 -1.22/20
[Better is 24.Rf2∓ -0.45/22]
24...b3∓ White must now prevent ...h6.
25.fxe4 dxe4 26.h6 # 26...Na4! 1.13/22
[26...g6!∓ -0.95/26 27.Bxe4 Na4 *(27...fxe4 28.Nxe4 Qc6 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.d5+-)*]

27.Rf2? -0.57/24
[27.Nxe4!± 1.13/22 fxe4 28.Qxe4 Nxc3 *(28...Nxb2? 29.Nh5+-; 28...Rxb2? 29.Qa8+ Bc8 30.Qxa4+-)* 29.bxc3]
27...Nxb2!! 28.hxg7? -4.30/9
[28.Rxb2 Qa3! threat ...Ra1 29.Rxa2 -1.97/12 *(29.Qf1∓* -1.03/10 was the only chance. *Ra1* Pin *30.Rb1 Rxb1 31.Qxb1)* 29...Qxa2? -0.16/8 and the b-pawn cannot be stopped *(29...bxa2-+* -1.97/12 *30.Qb8+ Nc8)*]
[28.Rxb2∓ -0.49/22 Qa3 29.Qf1]
28...Qa3!-+
[28...Nd3 29.Rxa2 bxa2 30.Qxa2 Nxf4 *(30...Kxg7 31.Ngh5+ Kf8 32.Qxc4+-)* 31.exf4 Kxg7 32.Qa8± *(32.Qxc4 Nd5=)*]
29.Rf1 Nfh5 is the strong threat.
29...Na4?? 2.27/13
[29...Nd3! does not force a win because of. ...Nxf4 would now be deadly. 30.Ngh5
A) 30...b2 -2.01/10 30...Nxf4 -4.18 falls into a trap because of 31.Qd1 -3.35/8 *(⌓31.Nxd3* -2.01/10 *cxd3 32.Bxe4)* 31...Ra1 32.Nf6+ Kxg7 33.Qh5 Rxf1+ 34.Bxf1 b1Q?? #5/18 *(34...Nxf4=* 0.00/14 *35.Qxh7+ Kf8 36.Qh8+ Kf7 37.Bxc4+ Be6 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Qh6+ Kf7 40.Qh7+ Kf8 41.Qh6+ Kf7 42.Qh7+)* 35.Qxh7+ Kf8 36.Ng6+! Nxg6 37.Nxd7+ Ke8 38.Nf6+ Kf8 39.Qg8+ Ke7 40.Qe8+ Kd6 41.Qd7#;
B) 30...Nxf4 31.Nxf4? -5.29/10 *(31.exf4* -2.97/8 *Re2 32.Kh1)* 31...Qb2? -1.23/11 *(31...b2-+* -5.29/10 *32.Nh5 Ra1)* 32.Qe1!∓ Ng6 33.Qg3 Nxf4 34.Rxf4 and the threat of g5-g6 gives counterplay]
[29...Kxg7 30.Ngh5+ Kf7 31.Bxe4=]
[29...Nd3!-+ -3.57/14 and all is fine. Strongly threatening ...Nxf4. 30.Nxd3 exd3]
30.Qd1?? -1.74/11
[30.Qe1 0.40/11 30.Ngh5 1.01 Ng6!]
[30.Ngh5!+- 2.27/13 is the narrow road to win.]
30...Qb2? 0.03/20
[30...Kxg7? 31.Ngh5+ Kh8 32.Nf6+-]
[30...Nxc3-+ -1.74/11 31.Qh5 Qd6 *(31...Kxg7? 32.Qh6+ Kf7 33.Qxh7+ Ke8 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Bxe4+-* Decoy *)*]
31.Ngh5 And now Nf6+ would win.
[31.Qh5 Ng6 Inhibits Nxe4.]
[31.Nge2? -4.99/15 31.Qh5 0.04 Qd2]
31...Nd5 Double Attack **32.Qe1**
[32.Nf6+ Nxf6! 33.gxf6 Be8 Prevents Qh5]
32...Naxc3? 1.58/11
[Black should try 32...Nxf4= 0.00/9 33.Nxf4 Nxc3 *(33...Kxg7 34.Qh4=)*]
33.g6? -2.35/8 # A cunning desperation move. Dancing on a razor blade.
[33.Nf6+ -1.21/9 33.Qh4 -0.65 Nxf6! 34.gxf6 Ne2+! 35.Nxe2? -1.55/9 *(35.Qxe2-+* -4.93/12 *Qxe2 36.Nxe2 Rxe2 37.Bxe4 Rxe3 38.Bxf5 Bxf5 39.Rxf5 Rg3+ 40.Kf2 Rxg7 41.Rb5)* 35...Qxe2∓ 36.Qg3 Qxg2+! 37.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 38.Kxg2 b2 the black passed pawns win]
[33.Qh4 Ne2+ and the white defences collapse]
[33.Qh4± 1.58/11 Threatens to win with g6. Be8 *(33...Nxe3 34.Nf6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Kf7 35.g8Q+ Ke7 36.Qhxh7+ Kd6 37.Qxd7#)* 34.g6 Qxg2+ *(34...Bxg6 35.Qd8+ Kf7 36.g8Q#)* 35.Nxg2

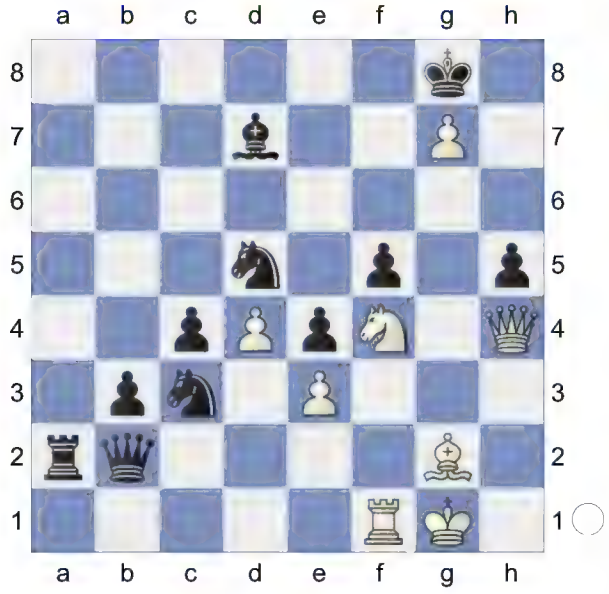
hxg6 36.Qd8 *(36.Nf6+ Kxg7 37.Nxe8+ Kf7+-)* 36...Rxg2+ 37.Kh1 *(37.Kxg2 gxh5 38.Qxe8+ Kxg7 39.Qe5+ Kh6 40.Qh8+ Kg6 41.Qg8+ Kf6 42.Qf8+ Ke6)* 37...Kf7 38.Qd6 *(38.Kxg2 Ne7+-)*]

33...Ne2+!

[33...Nxf4?? #6/16 33...Ne2+ -3.79 34.gxh7+ Kxh7 35.g8Q+ Kxg8 36.Qg3+ Kf7! *(36...Kf8? 37.Qg7+ Ke8 38.Nf6+ Kd8 39.Qxd7#)* 37.Qg7+ Ke6 38.Qe5+ with perpetual check]

[33...h6 34.Qh4 Qd8+ would kill now. Ra8 35.Nxd5 Black loses]

[33...hxg6 34.Qh4! Threatening mate with Qd8+. gxh5 #8/11 *(34...Ra8+- 4.41/10)*



35.Qd8+! Kxg7 36.Qxd7+ leads to perpetual check]

34.Kh1! Ndxf4 0.00/10 Now White gains the fruits of his labour

[34...Nexf4 was the correct winning move for Black]

[34...Nxe3 35.Qh4 Ra8 36.gxh7+ *(36.Qe7 Ng3+ 37.Kg1 Qxg2+ 38.Nxg2 Ne2+ 39.Kh1 Ng3+ 40.Kh2 Ng4+ 41.Kxg3 hxg6)* 36...Kxh7 37.Nf6+ Kxg7 38.N6h5+ *(38.Qg5+ Kf7 39.Qg6+ Kf8 40.Qg8+* Skewer *Ke7 41.Qg7+ Kd8 42.Qxd7#)* 38...Kg8 39.Qg5+ Kf8 40.Qf6+ Kg8 41.Qg7#]

[Black should play 34...Nexf4-+ -5.39/11 35.gxh7+ Kxh7 36.g8B+ Decoy Kxg8 37.Qg3+ Kf8 38.Qg7+ Ke8 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.Qg7+ Kd8 41.Nxf4 Nb6 *(41...Nxe3? 42.Qg8+ Be8 43.Qg5+ Kc8 44.Qf6-+)*]

35.gxh7+!= The position is equal.

35...Kxh7 36.Qh4 Of course if White had his Ns on d5 and f4, this saving move would be impossible because of mate on g2. **36...Ng6** Prevents g8Q+.

[36...Nxh5 is simpler (though Grob gave it a ?) 37.Qxh5+ Kxg7 38.Qg5+ Kf7 39.Rxf5+ Bxf5 40.Qxf5+ Ke7 41.Qxe4+ with immediate perpetual check]

[36...Nxg2 37.g8Q+ Kxg8 38.Qg5+ *(38.Kxg2 Nf4+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *39.Kg3 Nxh5+ 40.Qxh5 Qg2+ 41.Kf4 Qxf1+ 42.Ke5 Qg2 43.Qh4 Qh2+ 44.Qxh2 Rxh2 45.Kd6 b2 46.Kxd7 Rh6 47.d5 b1Q 48.Kc7 Qb6+ 49.Kc8 Qd6 50.Kb7 Rh7+ 51.Kc8 Qf8#)* 38...Kf7 39.Qf6+ Kg8 40.Qg7#]

37.g8Q+! Decoy **37...Kxg8 38.Qd8+**

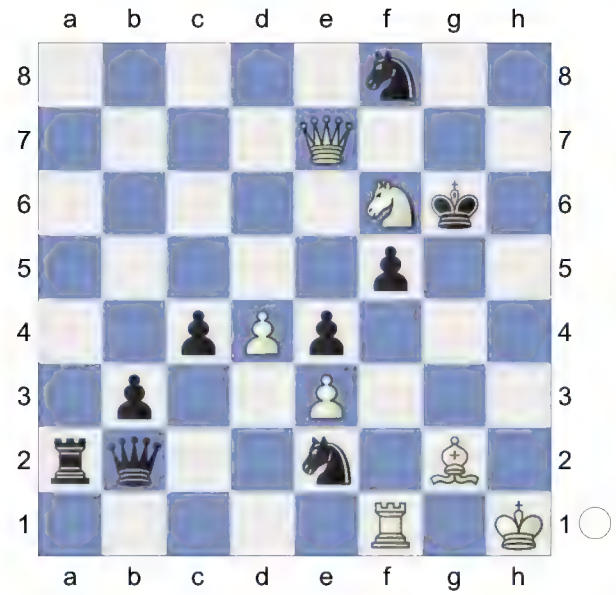
[38.Qf6? is a self mate. Ng3+ 39.Nxg3 Qxg2#]

38...Kh7 The Black K must avoid various dangers

[38...Nf8? #4/16 38...Kh7 0.00 39.Qg5+ Kf7 40.Qf6+ Ke8 41.Ng7#]

[38...Be8 draws too 39.Qxe8+ Nf8? #22/17 *(39...Kh7+-* 2.09/1 *40.Qd7+ Kh6 41.Qg7+ Kg5 42.Qf6+ Kxh5 43.Qxf5+ Kh6 44.Qh3+ Kg7 45.Qd7+ Kh6 46.Qh3+ Kg7 47.Qd7+ Kh6 48.Qh3+)* 40.Nf6+

Kg7 41.Qe7+ Kg6!



42.Qe8+! Kg7 43.Nh5+ Kg8! *(43...Kh6? 44.Qxf8+ Kxh5 45.Qxf5+* and mate in a few moves *)*]

39.Qxd7+ Kh6 40.Qg7+! Kg5!

[40...Kxh5?? #3/15 40...Kg5 0.00 41.Rxf5+ Kh4 42.Qf6+ and 43 Qg5#]

[Stronger than 40...Kxh5 41.Rxf5+ Kh4 42.Qh7+ Kg4 43.Qh3#]

41.Rxf5+ Decoy **41...Kxf5** Other moves end in Black getting mated. **42.Qf6+ Kg4 43.Qxg6+ Kh4 44.Qxe4+ Kxh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.48. Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: White=1 Black=3 Mistake: White=8 Black=8 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=2 OK: White=10 Black=7 Best: White=1 Black=4 Strong: White=3 Black=3

[44...Kg5? #5/26 44...Kxh5 0.00 45.Qe5+ Kg4 46.Nf6+ Kh4 47.Qh5+ Kg3 48.Ne4#]

[44...Kxh5 45.Qf5+ Kh4 46.Qf6+ Kg3 *(46...Kg4 47.Qg6+ Kh4* (→ ...Qc1+) *48.Qf6+* draw *)* 47.Qf3+ Kh4 48.Qf6+]

½-½

190 **A00**

□ **Basman,Michael J**

■ **Eales,R..**

(ch) 16/617 England 1973

[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 e4 5.Bf4N**

[5.c4 Bd6 *(5...h5 6.g5 h4 7.Nc3 Na6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nc7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e3 Ne7 13.Nge2 Rh5 14.0-0-0 Rxg5 15.Rhg1 Kf8 16.Kb1 b5 17.Nxb5 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Ba6 19.Qb7 Bxb7* 0-1 Omariev,M (2304)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (1)*)* 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qb3 h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO A4 2000]

5...Bd6 6.Qd2 -1.14/21

[6.Bxd6∓ -0.67/19 Qxd6 7.e3]

6...Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Black is better. **8...Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0** -1.17/23

[11.Nd1∓ -0.49/20]

11...h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 Repels f4. ...Nf4 is the strong threat. **13.f4 Qxf4**

[13...Nxf4?! 14.Nf3 *(14.Rf1 Ne6∓)* 14...Qh6 15.Nxh4=]

14.Nf3 f5 -0.15/21

[14...Na6∓ -0.83/20 Threatening ... Qxh2. 15.Rhf1 Qxh2 16.Nxh2 Nc7]

15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 0.01/24

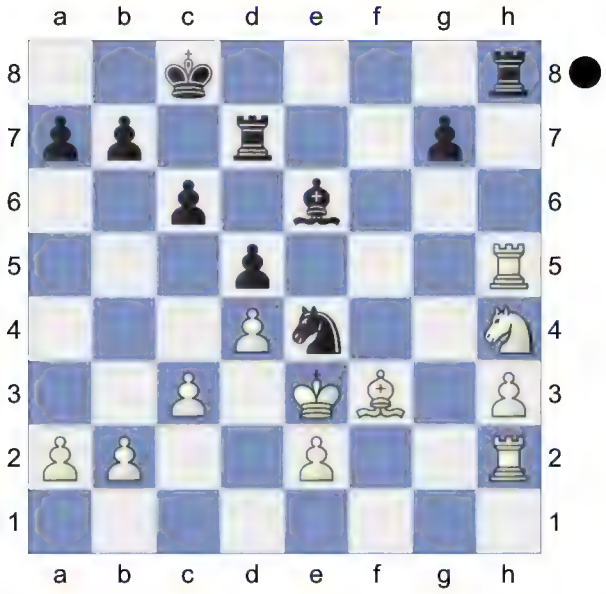
[16...Nd7∓ -0.42/19 17.Qxf4 Nxf4]

17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 Ne7 0.67/21

[18...Nxe5!= -0.18/21 19.Rxf5 Nc4]

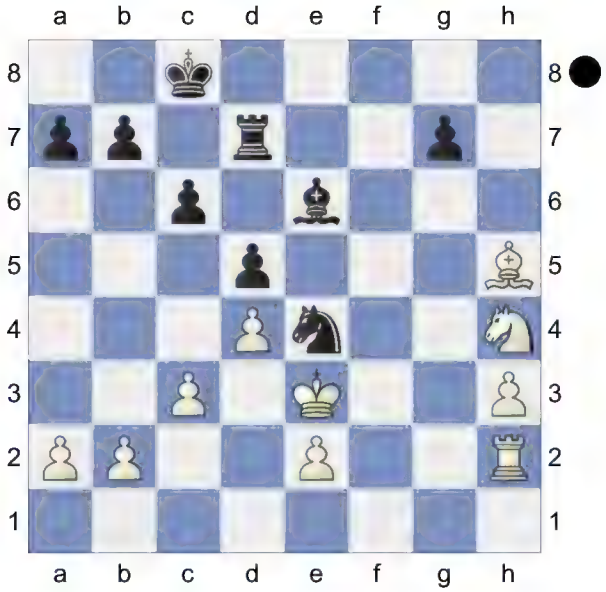
19.Nd1± Rf8 1.07/23

[19...0-0± 0.65/20]
20.Nxe3 0-0-0 21.Bf3 Be6 22.Rg1 Rg8 23.Kd2 1.01/20
[⌓23.Rg5 1.37/21]
23...Nc7± 24.c3 0.55/19
[24.Rhg2± 1.13/20]
24...Ne8 1.26/22
[24...g5± 0.55/19]
25.Rg5 0.83/20 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[⌓25.Bg4 1.26/22 Bxg4 26.Rxg4 *(26.N3xg4 Nd6±; 26.hxg4 g5=)*]
25...Nd6 26.Ng2 Nef5 27.Ng6? -0.90/20
[27.Nf4± 1.19/21 and life is bright. Bd7 28.Rhg2]
27...Rd7? 1.22/23
[27...Ng3!∓ -0.90/20 stays on course. 28.Kc2 *(28.Ne7+? Kd7-+)* 28...Nf7]
28.N2xh4 0.77/22
[Better is 28.N2f4! 1.22/23 Bf7 29.Bg4 Ne4+ 30.Kc1 Nxg5 31.Bxf5 Pin]
28...Nxh4 29.Nxh4 Rh8 30.Rh5 Ne4+ 31.Ke3? -3.86/22
[31.Kc2± 1.07/23 Rxh5 32.Bxh5]



White does not recover from this.

31...Rxh5-+ 32.Bxh5



Ng3! White must now prevent ...Nf1+.
33.Bg4 Bxg4 Black is clearly winning.
34.Kf4 Nf1 Deflection
[34...Nxe2+ 35.Kxg4 Re7 36.Kg5=]
[34...Bxe2 35.Kxg3 Bc4 36.b3±]
35.Rh1 Bxe2 And now ...Rf7+ would win. **36.Ng6 Rf7+ 37.Ke5 Ng3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.28 (precise) . Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=6 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=10 Black=15 Best: White=2 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=1 . Loss on time!?
1-0

191 **A00**
□ **Polliotto,A..**
■ **Figeac,Aurelien**
Masters Montpellier (2) 1998
[Tim Sawyer,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6**
[3...Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Qb3 c6 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.Bxd5 cxd5 8.Qxd5 e6

9.Qd4 Bf5 10.Nc3 Qa5 11.Nf3 Rc8 12.Qa4 Qc7 13.d3 Bc5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Be3 Nb6 16.Qf4 Bd6 17.Qh4 Be7 18.Qf4 Bd6 19.Qh4± Black has some compensation for the pawn in this more active pieces. ½-½. Sawyer-Bloodgood, corr. APCT 1996]

[3...e6 4.Qb3 Nc6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bxd5 Qe7?? *(The correct move is 6...Nd4! 7.Qc4 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6=)* 7.Qxb7 1-0 Sloan,S-Fisher Kirshner,M Foster City,USA 1996 (4) Black didn't last long in]

[3...dxc4 4.Bxb7 Nd7 5.Bxa8 Qxa8 Black has sacrificed the Exchange for some attacking chances. In this game he makes the most of them. 6.f3 e5 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Qa4 Bh4+ 9.Kd1 Be6 10.b3 *(10.Nb5!?±* was worth consideration.*)* 10...Ne7 Black cannot take on b3 without losing a Bishop on h4. 11.e4? *(Throwing away his advantage. Instead 11.bxc4!* leaves White up a whole Exchange.*)* 11...0-0 12.Ba3 Nb6 13.Qb5 Rd8 14.Nge2 Nc6 0-1 Landin,B (2135)-Holving,R (2085) Easter Tournament 1998 (4) Gradually, Black is beginning to take over. White quit after 31 moves in]

4.cxd5 cxd5

[4...Nf6 5.Qb3 *(5.Nc3 e5 6.dxe6 Bxe6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.e4 Nb6 9.Nge2 Qd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0* 1-0 Keres,P-Niemann corr 1935 During his early years, Paul Keres played a lot of correspondence games. He said that he always chose the sharpest line he could find. This game demonstrates that Keres knew how to develop his pieces very rapidly. See the finish of*)* 5...Qc7 6.Nc3 e5! Crafty finds the right move. This program has many clones, but here is the big mama of all the clones. It is usually one of the very highest rated programs on ICC. 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 Qd7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rac1 Bg4 13.Nd2 Bg5 14.e3 Re8 15.Nde4 Be7 16.Ng3 Qc8 17.Nce4 Qc7 18.f4 Qb6 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.d6 0-1 bazar-wokzal (2812)-crafty (3077) ICC 5 3 Internet Chess Club 1999 After hanging on d5 for 15 moves! See the finish of]

[4...Bd7 This move looks passive, but in reality it will force White to declare his intentions sooner or later. 5.Qb3 Qc7 6.Nc3 e6 7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.Qc2 Na6 9.d4 Rd8 10.Be3 Nb4 11.Qd2 Nf6 12.Nf3 Nbd5 13.Rc1 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Bb4 15.a3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 0-0 17.0-0 Rfe8 18.Qd3 b5 19.Ne5 Bd5 20.e4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rxe5 22.Qg3 Re7 23.Bf3 Qxg3+ 24.hxg3 Ne4 25.Kg2 Nd2 26.Rf2 Nxf3 27.exf3 Re3 0-1 Sloan,S-Orlov,B Capps mem San Francisco 1995 (5) Black has won a pawn and now begins to apply the pressure.]

5.Qb3 White has a double attack on d5 and b7. **5...Nf6!**

[5...Qc7 -0.28/22 5...Nf6 -1.30 6.Nc3 Nf6? 1.67/22 *(6...Nc6=* -0.29/21 *)* 7.Nxd5+- Nxd5 8.Bxd5 Nc6 9.Bxf7+ Kd8 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.Ng5? -1.31/18 *(11.Rg1+-* 1.61/22 *)* 11...Nd4∓ 12.Qd3 Bxe2?? 3.82/22 *(12...e5=; 12...e5!∓* -1.25/22 stays on course. Strongly threatening ...h6. *13.h3 Bxe2)* 13.Qxd4 1-0. Bloodgood-Christy, Norfolk Open 1957]

[5...Qc8 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bxd5 e6 8.Bg2 -0.82/20 *(8.Bf3=* -0.10/21 *Bxf3 9.Nxf3)* 8...Nf6∓ 9.d3 Be7 10.Be3 Qd7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.Kh1

-1.12/18 *(13.Rad1∓ -0.66/19)* 13...Be6 -0.63/20 *(13...Nd4∓ -1.12/18 14.Bxd4 exd4)* 14.Qa4∓ Ng4 15.Bd2 Bc5 -0.37/21 *(15...h6∓ -0.93/19 16.h3 Nf6)* 16.Ne4∓ Bb6 0.23/22 *(16...Be7∓ -0.42/23)* 17.Rac1 -0.73/20 *(17.h3!= 0.23/22)* 17...Qe7 0.00/25 *(17...f5∓ -0.73/20 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Rxc5 Qd6)* 18.h3= f5 0.44/20 The action heats up on the Kingside. *(18...Nh6= 0.00/25)* 19.hxg4± fxe4 20.Qxe4 Bxa2 1.36/23 *(20...Kh8!± 0.46/20)* 21.Ng5± g6 22.Ra1 0.40/23 *(22.Qa4± 1.21/18 Bf7 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Nxf7 Rxf7 25.f3)* 22...Bb3 1.47/22 *(22...Bf7!± 0.40/23)* 23.Ra3± Bf7 24.d4! Against Bc5 Rad8? 3.14/21 *(24...exd4± 1.33/18 25.Qxe7 Nxe7)* 25.d5!+- Bxd5 26.Qxd5+ Rxd5 27.Bxd5+ Kh8 28.Rh3 Rxf2? 5.78/23 *(28...e4 2.93/22 29.Kg2 e3 30.Bc3+ Bd4)* 29.Rxf2+- Bxf2 30.Nf7+ Kg8

A) 31.Ng5+ Kf8 32.Rf3+? 0.00/26 *(32.Nxh7++- 2.05/23 Ke8 33.Bg5)* 32...Ke8=;

B) 31.Bh6+- 3.29/25 and life is good for White.;

C) 31.Rf3?? -4.29/21 31...Qh4+!-+ 32.Kg2 White threatens Ng5+ and mate. Qxg4+ 33.Kxf2 Qd4+ 34.Kf1 Qxd5 35.Nh6+ Kg7 36.Bg5 e4 37.Bf6+ 0-1. Lower-Jirjis, Dearborn 1992.]

6.Nc3

[6.Qxb7 Nbd7 Hoping for ...Nc5. 7.Nc3 Nb6 -0.56/21 *(7...Rb8∓ -1.54/23 8.Qxa7 e5 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Bc5)* 8.Qc6+ -1.86/21 *(8.Nb5!∓ -0.56/21 Rc8 9.Nf3)* 8...Bd7-+ 9.Qb7 -2.23/23 *(⌓9.Qc5 -1.78/21)* 9...e6 10.d3 d4 -1.33/20 *(10...Rb8-+ -1.89/21 11.Qxa7 e5)* 11.Ne4∓ Nxe4 -0.37/20 *(11...Bb4+∓ -1.31/22 12.Kf1 0-0)* 12.Qxe4∓ Rc8 13.Qxd4? -2.25/21 *(13.Nf3∓ -0.46/21)* 13...Rxc1+!-+ 14.Rxc1 Threatens to win with Bc6. Qg5! 15.Qe3 Qxg2 16.Qf3 Qg5 17.e3 Qa5+ 18.Kf1 Qd2 19.Qd1 Qxb2 20.Qc2 Qa3 21.Ne2 Bb5 22.Kg2 Qxd3 23.Qxd3 Bxd3 24.Nf4 Bc4 25.Rc2 e5 26.Ne2 Bd5+ 27.f3 e4 28.f4 Kd7 29.Rd1 Bd6 30.Nc3 Walking into a pin. Rc8 31.Nxd5? -5.89/18 Forgetting the pin. *(⌓31.Rdd2 -3.90/18 Bc4 32.Rxd6+ Kxd6 33.Nxe4+ Ke7 34.Kf2)* 31...Rxc2+ 0-1. Sawyer-KillerGrob, ICC 1997.]

6...e6! 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 8.Nb5 Black is clearly better.

[8.d4 Qc8 -0.58/19 *(8...Rb8-+ -1.61/21 9.Qa6 Bb4)* 9.Qxc8+∓ Rxc8 10.f3 Bh5 11.e4 -1.04/24 *(11.Bd2∓ -0.52/20)* 11...Bb4 -0.66/21 (Black should play *11...e5∓* -1.04/24 *12.Nge2 exd4 13.Nxd4 dxe4 14.fxe4 Ne5)* 12.Nge2∓ e5 aiming for ...exd4. 13.Be3 dxe4 14.fxe4 0-0 15.a3 Ba5 16.d5 -0.79/19 *(16.dxe5!∓ -0.34/24 Nxe5 17.0-0)* 16...Bxe2 -0.13/18 *(16...Rc4∓ -0.79/19 17.0-0 Bxe2 18.Nxe2 Rc2)* 17.Kxe2= Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nc5! 19.Bxc5 -1.30/20 *(19.c4= -0.12/27)* 19...Rxc5∓ 20.Kd3 Nh5 -0.57/24 *(20...Ne8!∓ -1.02/25 21.c4 Nd6)* 21.Bf3 Nf4+ 22.Kd2 f5 23.exf5 Rxf5 ½-½ Sawyer,T-Cherner, L corr APCT 1996 (2) White will lose the d-pawn, but a draw will be found in a Rook ending. See]

8...Rc8 Against Nc7+ **9.Nf3N**

[9.Qxa7 Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 – 5.c 11.d4 *(11.b4 Bxf2+ 12.Kxf2 Ne4+ 13.Bxe4 Qf6+ 14.Bf3 Qxa1 15.Bxg4 Rxc1 16.Qa3 Nf6*

17.Bf3 e5 18.h3 Rf1+ 19.Kg2 e4 20.Bg4 h5 7 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game) 11...Ra8 12.Qd1 Qb6 13.dxc5 Qxb5 14.Qd4 e5 15.Qd3 Qxd3 16.exd3 Nxc5 17.Bg5 Nxd3+ 18.Kf1 Rfb8 19.Bxf6 Rxb2 20.Bh4 Raxa2 1 Chapter P1-Games Chapter P1]

9...Bc5! 10.d4 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 0-0 12.Bf4 Qb6 -0.58/21

[Black should try 12...Rc2-+ -1.75/18 13.a3 Be7]

13.Qxb6∓ axb6 14.a3 Be7 15.Ne1 Prevents Rc2 **15...Nh5** 0.07/20

[⌓15...Rc4 -0.29/22]

16.Bc7= Ndf6 17.Be5 -0.44/25

[17.a4= 0.19/21]

17...Ne4 18.Bxe4! dxe4 19.h3! Bf5 20.Kg2 -1.50/20

[20.Na7∓ -0.60/23]

20...Rfd8 -0.89/22

[Better is 20...f6 -1.50/20 21.Bh2 g5]

21.e3 Bh4 -0.13/22

[21...f6!∓ -1.02/19 22.Bh2 g5]

22.Nc3 f6

[22...Nf6 simplifies 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Kh2 Bg5]

23.Bh2 Rd7 24.Nc2 g5 25.Nb4

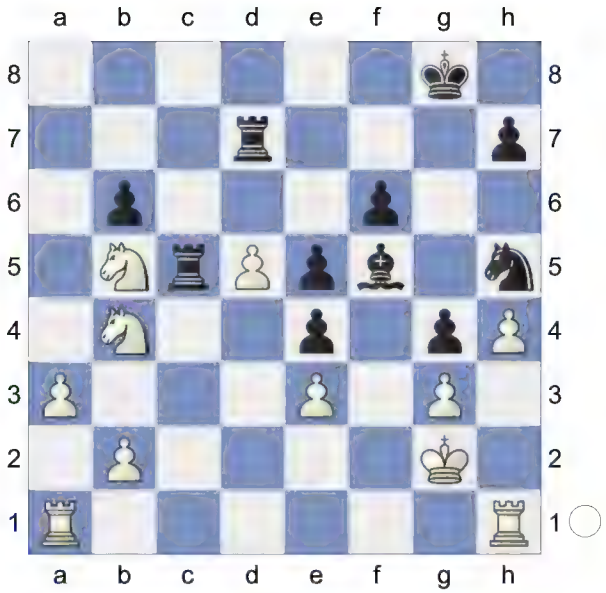
[25.Bg3 simplifies Bg6 26.Bxh4 gxh4 27.Nb4]

25...Rg7 26.Bg3 Bxg3? 1.50/12

[26...Nf4+!∓ -0.72/8 27.exf4 gxf4 Pin]

27.fxg3± g4 28.h4 Rd7 29.Nb5 e5 30.d5 Against Be6 **30...Rc5**

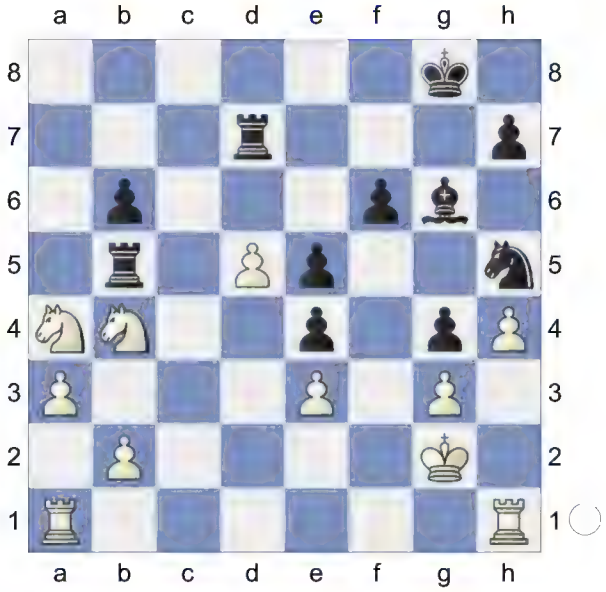
(Diagram)



31.Nc3 Bg6 1.98/11

[31...Rd6± 1.40/11]

32.Na4+- Rb5



33.Rac1 0.99/11

[33.Rhd1!+- 1.72/11]

33...Bf7? 2.51/10 Loses the game.

[33...f5± 0.99/11 keeps fighting.]

34.Nc3 1.39/15

[34.Rc8++- 2.51/10 Kg7 35.Rd1]

34...Rc5 35.Rhd1

[35.Nxe4 Rcxd5 36.Rhf1 Bg6 37.Nxf6+ Nxf6 38.Rxf6 Rd2+ 39.Rf2 Be4+ 40.Kg1 Rxf2 41.Kxf2 Rd2+

42.Kf1 Rxb2=]
35...f5 2.86/11
[⌓35...Kg7 1.61/9]
36.Nc6 Rd6
[36...Bxd5? 37.Nxd5 *(37.Nxe5 Rdc7=)* 37...Rxc1 38.Rxc1+-]
37.Ne7+ 1.78/19 Excellent horsemanship.
[37.Nxe5?! Nf6 38.b4 Rc7]
[⌓37.b4 3.43/15 Rcxc6 38.dxc6 Rxc6 39.Kf2]
37...Kh8 3.27/15
[⌓37...Kf8 1.78/19 38.Nxf5 Rd7]
38.Nxf5 Rf6 39.Ne7
[And not 39.Nxe4 Rxc1 *(39...Rxf5? loses. 40.Nxc5 Rf3 41.d6+-; 39...Bxd5? 40.Rxd5 Rxf5 41.Nxc5+-)* 40.Rxc1 Rxf5=]
[Weaker is 39.b4 Rc7 *(39...Rxc3? 40.Rxc3 Rxf5 41.d6+-)* 40.Rf1 *(40.Nxe4 Rxc1 41.Rxc1 Rxf5±)* 40...Rc8+-]
39...Rf3 40.Nxe4 Rb5 41.b4 Rxe3! Hastens the end. **42.Rc8+** and the Rook on e3 will fall to a Knight fork. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.49. Mistake: White=5 Black=9 Inaccurate: --- Black=4 OK: White=18 Black=9 Best: White=2 Black=2 Strong: White=1 ---
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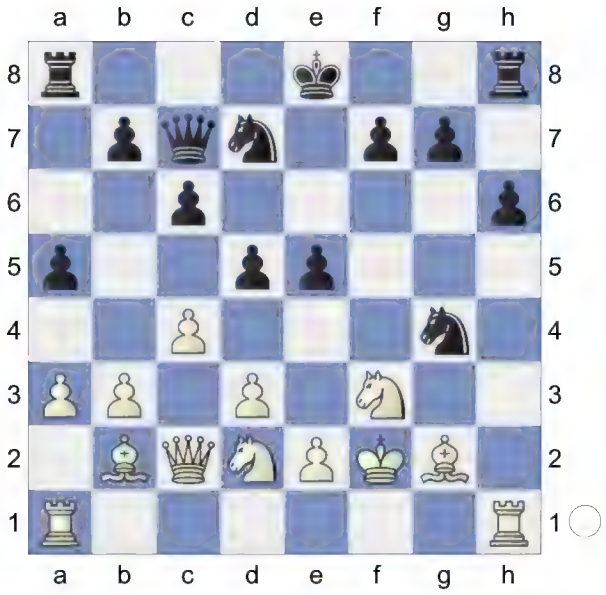
□ **Grob,Henry**
■ **Gahwiller,V..**
FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942
[H. Grob,Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.h3 e5 4.d3 h6N**
[4...Bd6 5.c4 Ne7 6.Nc3 Be6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Bb4+ 9.Kf1 0-0 10.Nf3 f6 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 Nd7 13.Ng3 a5 14.b5 Nc3 15.Qd2 Nxb5 16.Nh4 Nd4 17.Rb1 Nc5 18.Qc3 Na4 19.Qe1 0-1 14.♖ad1 ♖c8 15.♗b3 ♕f-Tay,J (2245) USSR 48/275 1989]
[4...Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.Nc3 Nh4 *(6...Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Bd2 h5 10.g5 Qc5 11.h4 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Qd2 Qd6 14.d4 0-0 15.Ne5 f6 16.Ng6 Re8 17.Nxf4 fxg5 18.Nxh5 g4 19.Qg5 Re7 20.0-0 Na6 21.f3* 1-0 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗g5-De Hayes,A 64: PCA Grand Prix (rapid), Moscow 1994*)* 7.Nxh4 Qxh4 8.e4 Bc5 9.Qe2 d4 10.Nb1 Nd7 11.Nd2 0-0 A 00/01 2000]
5.Nd2 Nf6 6.c4 -0.99/20
[6.e4∓ -0.60/21]
6...Be6 7.Qb3 Nbd7 8.Ngf3 Black is better.
[8.Qxb7? -3.54/13 8.Ng1-f3 -1.23 Nc5! 9.Qxc6+ *(9.Qb4?* -5.50/13 9.Qb7xc6+ -3.52 *Nxd3+!* wins the Q*)* 9...Bd7!]
8...Qc7 -0.84/11
[⌓8...Rc8 -1.29/15 9.0-0 Bd6]
9.Qc2∓ Bd6 10.a3 a5! 11.b3 Bc5!? -0.40/21
[11...Qb6∓ -1.04/17]
12.e3∓
[12.Bb2 Bxg4? 2.61/17 *(12...d4!∓* -0.72/14 *)* 13.hxg4+- Bxf2+ 3.76/11 *(⌓13...Nxg4 2.49/17 14.d4 exd4)* 14.Kxf2+- Nxg4+

(Diagram)



15.Kg1! Ne3]

12...Qb6 0.33/23

[12...Bd6∓ -0.43/21]

13.0-0 d4? 0.57/20 This attempt at a breakthrough, without suifficient security, leads to a catastrophic counter-attack.

[Black should try 13...0-0= 0.00/15]

14.exd4± Bxd4 1.75/19 White leaves nothing to chance now.

[14...exd4± 0.59/22 15.Qb2 0-0]

15.Nxd4+- exd4 2.67/11

[⌓15...Qxd4 was somewhat better]

[15...Qxd4± 1.60/15 16.Nf3 *(16.Bb2 Qd6±)* 16...Qc5 *(16...Qxa1? 17.Bb2*+- Discovered Attack *)*]

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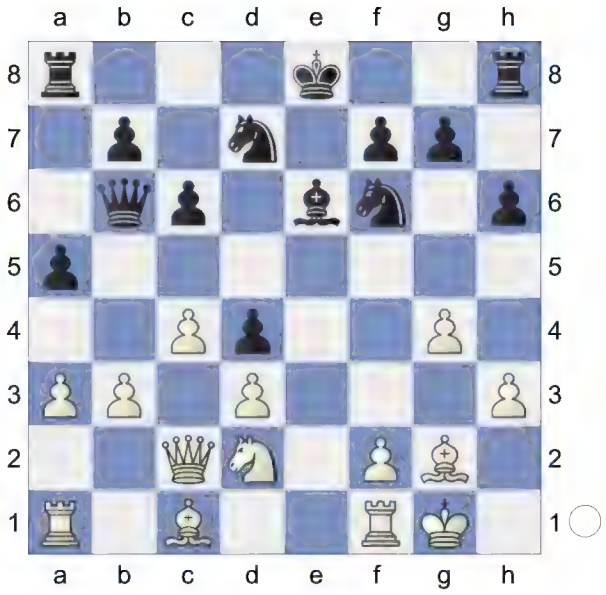

16.f4! Nf8 3.65/19

[16...0-0 2.57/17 keeps fighting. 17.f5 Bxf5]

17.f5 Bd7

[17...Bc8 was necessary]

18.c5 Qc7 6.18/22

[⌓18...Qa6 4.40/19 19.Nc4 N8h7 20.Nd6+ Ke7 21.Re1+ Kf8]

19.Nc4! Threatening 20 Bf4 Qd8 21 Nd6+ Ke7 22 Re1+ etc **19...Ne6** Black has nothing better

[19...N8h7 20.Bf4 Qd8 21.Bd6 Bc8 *(21...Qc8 22.Nb6)* 22.Qe2+ Kd7 23.Nb6+ Qxb6 24.Qe7#]

20.fxe6 Bxe6 21.Bf4 Qd8 22.Nd6+ Kf8 23.Nxb7 Qd7 24.Nd6 Nd5 25.Be4 h5 26.Nf5 Nxf4 27.Rxf4 White is clearly winning. **27...g5 28.Rf3 hxg4 29.hxg4 Bd5 30.Re1**

[30.Nxd4? Bxe4∓ *(30...Qxg4+? 31.Qg2+-; 30...Qxg4+? 31.Qg2+-)*]

30...Re8 31.b4

[31.Nxd4 Bxe4 32.dxe4 Qxd4+ 33.Qf2 Qd7∓]

31...axb4 32.axb4

[Inferior is 32.Nxd4 Bxe4 *(32...Qxg4+? loses. 33.Qg2+-)* 33.dxe4 Qxd4+ 34.Qf2 Qd7-+

(34...Rxe4? perishes. 35.Rxf7+ Ke8 36.Qxd4+-)]
32...Qe6 33.Qf2! Bxe4 34.Rxe4 Qd7 35.Nd6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.52. Mistake: --- Black=8 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=9 Black=4 Strong: White=1 ---
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☐ **Chapter**
■ **Games**
Chapter 4 Game 20
[MH]

A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 e4 5.c4 f5** -0.51/9
[5...Bd6∓ -1.12/15 6.Nc3 Ne7
A) 7.Qb3!? 0-0 8.Bg5 f6 9.cxd5 -1.70/22 cxd5-+ 10.Nxd5 -1.70/21 Be6!-+ 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.d5 fxg5? -0.02/18 *(12...Bd7-+ -1.62/18 13.Be3 Na6)* 13.dxe6;
B) 7.Qc2;
C) 7.Bg5!? f6 8.Bd2 0-0! 9.Qb3∓ -1.33/20 was called for. Kh8!
C1) 10.0-0-0;
C2) 10.Rc1 -1.61/20 10.e3 -1.21 Na6 -1.11/20 *(Black should play 10...f5-+ -1.61/20 11.a3 dxc4 12.Qxc4 Nd5)* 11.e3 -1.67/21 *(11.cxd5∓ -1.11/20 cxd5 12.Nb5)* 11...f5-+ 12.Nge2 Nb4! -0.92/21 *(12...Ng6!-+ -1.82/20* Hoping for ...Nh4. *13.cxd5 Nh4)* 13.Nxe4∓ Nxa2!
C2a) 14.Qxa2∓ -1.01/23 Nxd6 would now be deadly. fxe4 -0.36/20 *(14...dxe4∓ -1.03/21 15.Qb1 a5)*;
C2b) 14.Nxd6 -1.76/18 14...Nxc1-+ 15.Nxc1 Qxd6 16.Bb4 Qc7 -0.74/19 *(16...Qf6-+ -1.83/21* is more deadly. *17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.cxd5 Qh4)* 17.cxd5∓ cxd5 18.Nd3;
C3) 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Be6! 12.Bxe4 Bc7 -0.48/20 *(12...Nbc6!-+ -1.86/26* Strongly threatening ...Nxd5. *13.Nf3 Rc8)* 13.Qxb7∓ Bxd5 14.Bxd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 Nxd5 16.e4 Re8 17.f3 Bg3+ -0.14/25 *(*Better is *17...Nf4∓* -0.99/22 And now ...Nc6 would win. *18.Kf1 Na6)* 18.Kf1;
D) 7.g5?! Be6 8.h4 Nf5! 9.Bh3 0-0
D1) 10.Bxf5 Bxf5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Nxd5 *(12.Qb3)* 12...Qa5+ 13.Nc3 Nc6;
D2) 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nxd5 -2.19/21 Ng3!!]
[5...h5!? 6.g5 Ne7 -0.53/19 *(6...Bd6∓ -1.10/20 7.Nc3 Be6)* 7.Nc3∓ Na6 *(7...Nf5 8.h4! Be6)* 8.h4 *(8.Qb3)* 8...Ng6 9.Be3 -1.00/21 *(9.Qa4∓ -0.47/21)* 9...Be6 -0.43/20 *(9...Bb4∓ -1.00/21 10.Bd2 Bxc3 11.bxc3 0-0)* 10.Qa4∓ Qd7 0.27/20 *(10...Nc7∓ -0.40/23)* 11.cxd5= cxd5 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.f3 exf3 14.Nxf3]
[5...Ne7 -0.40/10 5...Bd6 -1.12 6.Nc3 f5 7.Qb3 dxc4 8.Qc2 -1.04/11 *(8.Qxc4= -0.15/11* remains equal. *Nd7 9.gxf5)* 8...Qxd4 9.Be3 -1.08/16 *(⌓9.gxf5 -0.71/12 Nxf5 10.Qxe4+ Be7 11.Nf3 Qxe4 12.Nxe4)* 9...Qe5 10.0-0-0 Nd5 11.Bd4 Qf4+?! 0.58/11 *(11...Qe7∓ -0.97/11 12.f3 Nf4)* 12.e3± Qg5 13.f4 -0.14/13 *(13.Nxd5± 0.53/11 cxd5 14.Ne2)* 13...Qe7= 14.gxf5 Bxf5

A) 15.Nge2 Nb4 16.Qd2 Nd3+ -0.17/11 *(16...Nd7∓ -0.55/11* deserves consideration. *17.Ng3 Be6 18.Ncxe4 Nxa2+ 19.Kb1 Nb4)* 17.Kb1;
B) 15.a3= -0.14/15;
C) 15.Bxe4?! -0.72/9 15...Nb4∓ *(15...Nxc3 -0.23/9 15...Nb4 -0.62 16.Bxf5 Nxd1)* 16.Bxc6+! *(16.Qg2 -1.44/17 16.Bxc6+ -0.74 Nxa2+!)* 16...N8xc6 17.Qxf5 Nd3+! 18.Kb1 Nf2! 19.Nf3 Nxh1 0.08/13 *(19...Qf7!∓ -0.99/13 20.Qb5 0-0-0)* 20.Rxh1= Threatens to win with Nd5. Nxd4?! 2.44/9 *(20...Qd7= 0.08/13* and Black is okay. *21.Qe4+ Ne7)* 21.exd4+- aiming for Re1. Kd8 22.Ng5 *(22.Ne5)* 22...Qf6 23.Qd5+ Kc8 24.Nf7 Rg8 12.04/21 *(⌓24...a6* 4.29/20 *25.Nxh8 Qxf4)* 25.Ne4 4.85/6 *(⌓25.Re1* 12.04/21 *)* 25...Qb6 9.70/22 *(⌓25...Qe7* 4.85/6 *26.Nfd6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Kb8)* 26.Ne5 Rh8 27.Rc1 Ba3 28.Rxc4+ Kb8 29.Nd7#]
[5...dxc4 6.Nc3±]

6.Nc3∓ dxc4 0.06/11
[6...Bb4∓ -0.53/9]

7.gxf5= Bxf5 8.Nxe4 The position is equal. **8...Bxe4N** 0.48/14
[8...Bb4+!= 0.12/14 9.Nc3 Qe7]
[8...Nf6 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.e4 Bd6 11.N1e2 0-0 12.0-0 Nh5 13.f4 Qh4 14.Nxh5 Bxh5 15.e5 Bc7 A 00/01 2000]

9.Bxe4± Bb4+ 10.Bd2 0.08/10 A strong pair of Bishops.
[10.Kf1!± 0.80/15]

10...Qxd4= 11.Bxb4 Qxe4 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Rg1
[13.Qd6 looks sharper. 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 Nh6 15.Ng5]

13...0-0-0 0.58/19
[13...Ngf6= 0.00/16]

14.Ng5
[14.Rxg7? Ne5 15.Qa4 Nxf3+-+]
[14.Rg4 simplifies Qf5 15.Qa4 a6 16.Rxc4 Qb5 17.Qxb5 axb5 18.Rd4]

14...Qf5 ...h6 is the strong threat.

15.Qd4!
[15.Qd6 simplifies Nb6 16.Qe6+ Qxe6 17.Nxe6 Rd7 18.Rxg7 Rxg7 19.Nxg7 Nf6 20.Nf5]

15...Nb6! 16.Qxg7 Nf6 17.Be7!→ White attacks. The board is on fire.

17...Nh5 1.30/10
[Black should try 17...Nbd5!± 0.48/9 18.Bxd8 Rxd8]

18.Qf7± Qxf7 19.Nxf7 Rhg8 20.Rg4! White is more active. **20...Rxg4 21.hxg4**
[21.Nxd8? Rg1+ 22.Kd2 Rxa1-+]

21...Rd7 22.Nd6+ Kc7 23.Ne8+ Kc8 24.Bg5 Ng7 2.30/16
[24...Rd5 1.90/11 keeps fighting. 25.f4 Kd7 *(25...Ng3? 26.Nf6+-)*]

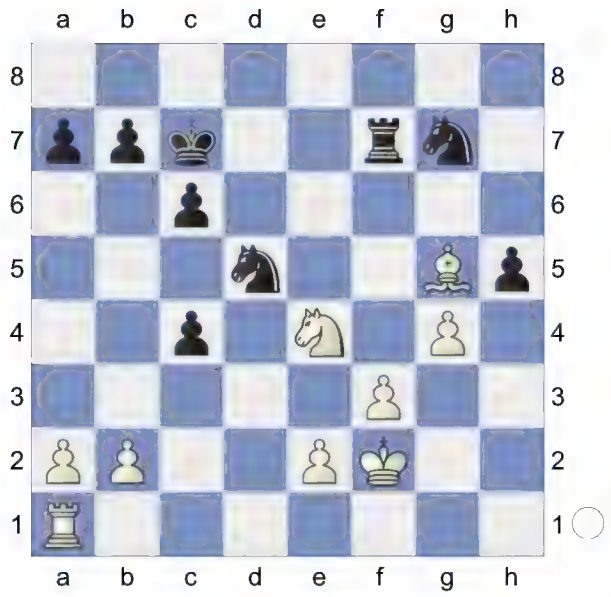
25.Nf6!+- Rf7 26.Ne4!
[26.Nxh7?? -2.55/13 26.Ne4 2.13 too greedy. Ne6 27.Bf6 Rxh7-+]

26...Kc7 Dodges Nd6 **27.f3** 0.83/10
[27.Bh4+- 2.01/8 has better winning chances.]

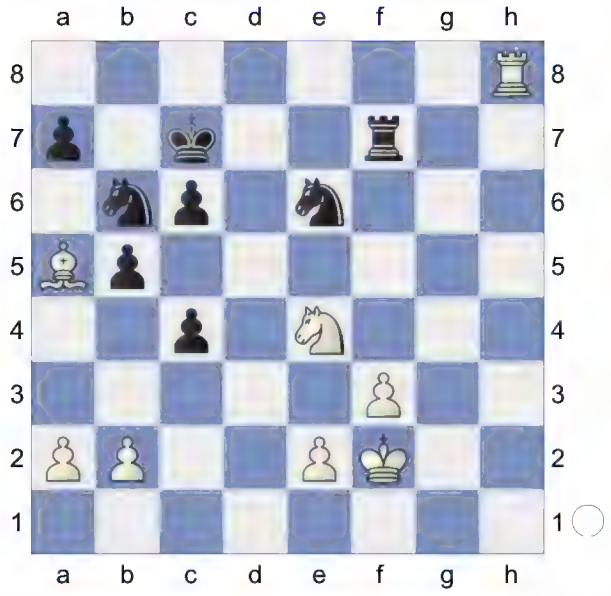
27...Nd5 2.28/12
[27...h5± 0.83/10]

28.Kf2 h5?!

(Diagram)



29.gxh5 0.75/10
[⌓29.Rh1! 1.53/11 hxg4 30.Rh7]
29...Nxh5± 30.Rh1 Nhf4 31.Rh8 Ne6 0.93/10
[31...b5± 0.53/10 is more appropriate.]
32.Bd2 b5? 2.57/18
[32...Rg7± 1.20/12 33.Nc3 b5]
33.Ba5++- Nb6? 4.39/13
[33...Kd7 2.47/12 34.Ra8 Re7]



34.Ra8! Kb7 35.Re8 Ng7 36.Rg8 Kc7? 4.71/18
[⌓36...Nf5 3.36/12 37.Nc5+ Kc7]
37.Ng5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.41. Mistake: White=3 Black=10 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=9 Black=8 Best: White=8 Black=2 Strong: White=1 Black=1

194 **A00**
☐ **35) Grob's Attack**
■ **Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.Q**
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4** The ↻Grob Attack! It was invented by the Swiss International Master Henri Grob îîStartBracketîî1904-1974îîEndBracketîî. Later, it was picked up by the English International Master Michael Basman with some success. These days it's known to be quite unsound. White is daring Black: either refute the opening or lose trying and make one for the memes! Now that you bought my course, hopefully, moves such as 1.g4 will bring a smile to your face as I present you with a simple refutation. **1...d5** Simple chess! Black takes control over the center and attacks the g4-pawn. **2.Bg2** White gambits the g4-pawn, hoping for rapid development and quick use of the long a8-h1 diagonal. A funny side note: 2.f3? was seen at GM level and White lost the game in 5 moves after 2...e5 3. d3 Qh4+ 4.Kd2 h5 5.h3 hxg4 and White resigned in Hou Yifan-Lalith, Caleta ENG 2017. You may wonder, did the former Women's World Champion have a bad day? The answer is actually quite simple: this is her protest game against

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5...Nbd7 Black develops, offering another pawn. **6.d4** White correctly tries to develop instead of pawn-grabbing. **6...e5** A thematic idea to rip open the position! Black's pieces are much better developed for the big fight. **7.dxe5** -1.29/22

[7.h3!∓ -0.62/20 Bf5 8.cxd5]

7...Nc5!∓ A nice idea to remember, trapping the queen! **8.Qxc6+** 8.Qb4 Nd3+ and it's all over. **8...Bd7** And just like that, the queen is trapped! Trapped Piece. White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

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[Don't do 10...Qa8 11.Nb5! Qb8 12.Nxc7+ Qxc7 13.h3+-]

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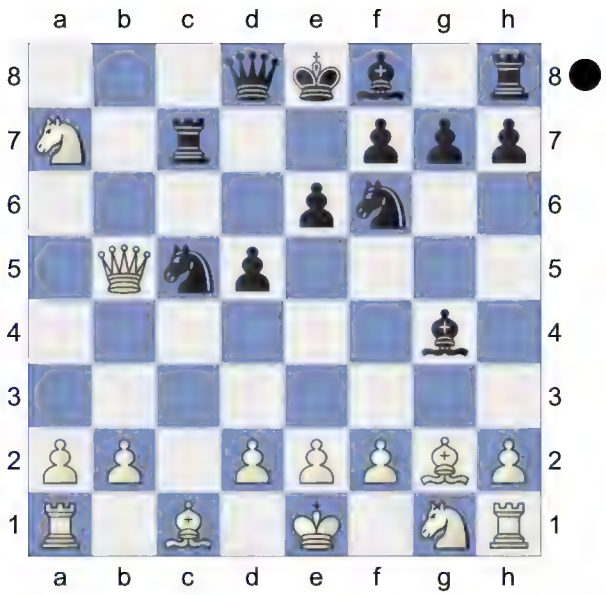
(Diagram)



Nfd7! Now White's knight on a7 is close to being trapped. **12.Nc6** -3.76/23 White does not recover from this.

[12.d4∓ -1.50/22]

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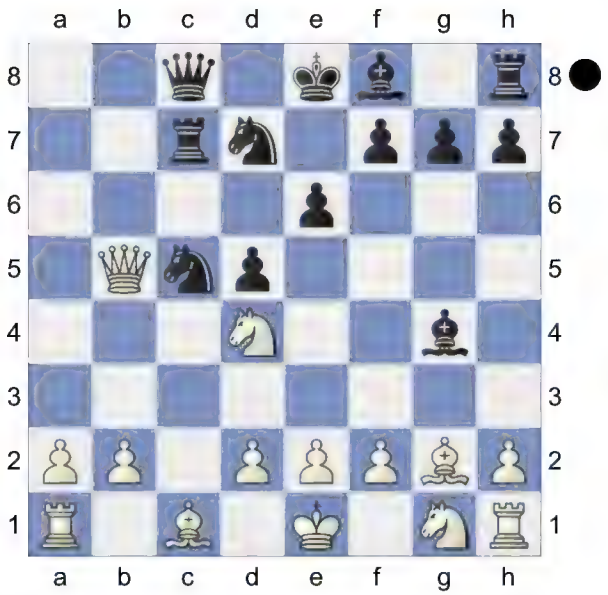

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13...Nd3+! Discovered Attack, Back Rank. Black mates. **14.Qxd3**
[14.exd3 Rxc1+]
14...Rxc1+ Back Rank **15.Rxc1 Qxc1#**
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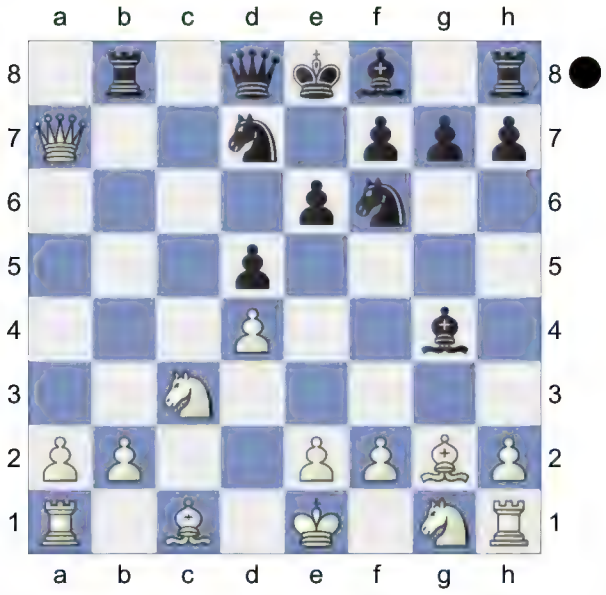
[8.d4 -1.05/21 White is trying to stabilize the center, but Black now takes over the initiative. Rb8∓ Please take my pawn! 9.Qxa7



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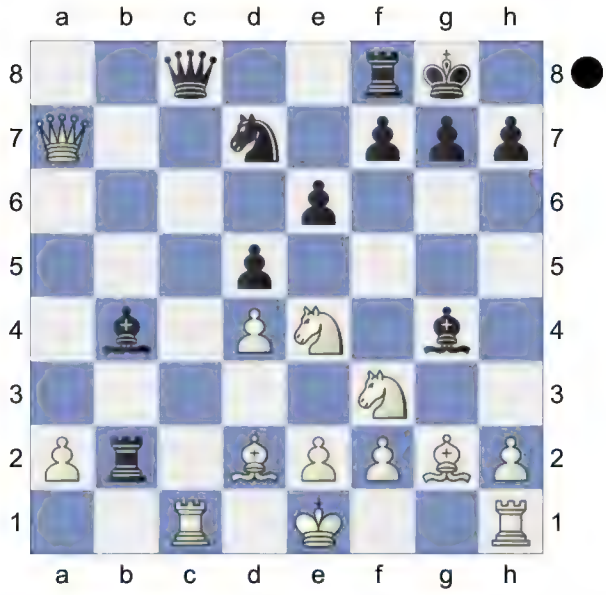

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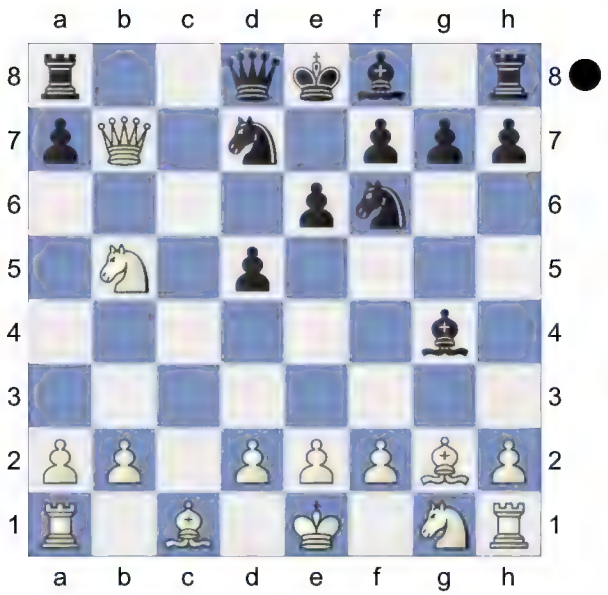
(Diagram)



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[9.Nxa7 Rc7 10.Qa6 Nc5 11.Qb5+ Nfd7 12.Nc6 Qc8 13.Nd4 Nd3+ 14.Qxd3 Rxc1+ 15.Rxc1 Qxc1# 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c 35) Grob's Attack-Grob's Attack 1.g4 d5 − 5.c]

[9.h3]

9...Bc5 10.Qa4 0-0 Black is much better due to a huge lead in development. White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) / Black=0.00 (flawless) Black is much better due to a huge lead in development. White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) / Black=0.00 (flawless)

197 **A00**

□ **Rao,Dr K Sangmeshwara**

■ **Lhouvum,Kammang**

AICCF 1505 2003

[Lhouvum,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings We saw a Sokolsky Opening from Dr. Rao against Pawan Kumar in the previous Bulletin. Here, he tries the Grob against Lhouvum but with no better luck than last time. Maybe third time will prove lucky... (Notes by K.Lhouvum). **1.g4 e5** As well known, Dr.Rao likes less-played lines. I too skid away in my 2nd move. **2.Bg2 h5 3.gxh5 Qg5 4.Bf3 Qh4 5.e4N**

[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.e4 Bc5∓ Skembris-Mariotti, Budva 1981.]

[5.d3 Bc5 6.e3 c6 7.Ne2 d5 8.Nbc3 Nf6 9.Ng3 Ng4 10.Qe2 Be6 11.Bd2 Na6 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Rdg1 Nh6 14.Kb1 f5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 f4 17.Nf1 Rd7 18.Nd1 Rhd8 19.h3 Ng8 0-1 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013 20.Rg4 Qe7 21.Rg6 Nf6 22.Rhg1 Qf8 23.Bg4 Nxg4 24.Rxe6 f3 25.Rxc6+ Nc7 26.Qe1 Nh2 27.Rxc7+ Kxc7 28.Nfe3 Nf1 29.Nxf1 Qd6 30.Bc1 Kb8 31.Nh2 Qxd1 32.c3 Qd3+ 33.Ka1 Qc2 0-1 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013]

5...Bc5 Black has strong compensation. **6.Qe2 Nf6 7.d3 Nc6**

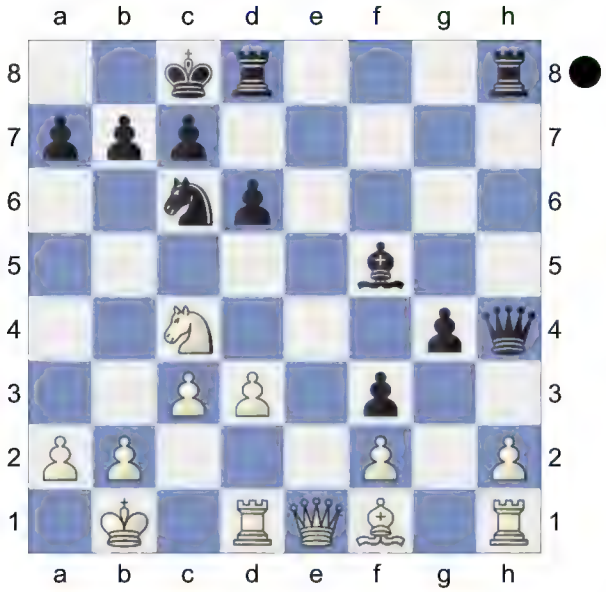
[7...Nxh5 8.Nc3∓]

8.c3 Wards off Nd4. Black is clearly better. **8...d6 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.Qxe3 Be6 11.Nd2** Prevents d5 **11...0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Nxh5**

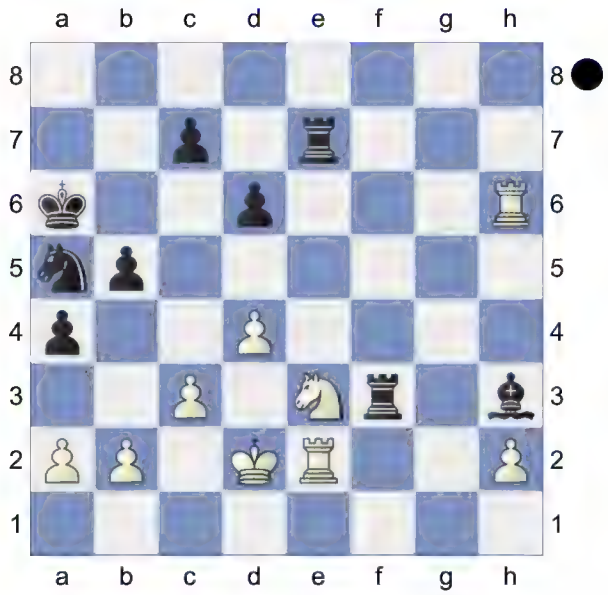
[12...Bxa2 13.b3=]

13.Kb1 Nf4 14.Ne2 g5 DIAG. Black is much more active. **15.Nxf4?** -2.27/14

This is a serious mistake 15.Nc1 was much better.
[15.d4∓ -1.46/11 was necessary.]
15...exf4-+
[Much less strong is 15...Qxf4 16.Qxf4 exf4 *(16...gxf4 17.h4∓)* 17.d4∓]
[15...gxf4 16.Qe2∓]
16.Qe1 g4 17.Bg2 f3 18.Bf1 f5 White's position is unenviable. That is why such openings are avoided! **19.exf5 Bxf5** Hoping for ...Rde8. **20.Nc4?** -3.46/19
[20.Ne4 -2.42/14 was worth a try.]



DIAG **20...g3!** White was caught tactically. Black wins a piece because of the threat Qxc4. Strongly threatening ... g2. **21.Ne3 g2**
[Resist 21...gxf2 22.Qd2 Bg6 23.Kc1-+]
22.Bxg2 fxg2 23.Rg1 Bh3 24.Nxg2 Qf6 25.Ne3 Rdf8 26.d4 Qxf2 27.Rd2 Qxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Rf3 29.Kc1 Nc2 was better. **29...Re8 30.Rde2 b5 31.Kd2 a5 32.Rg1 Kb7 33.Rg5 Ka6 34.Rg7 Re7 35.Rg5** White, being a piece down, can't afford to exchange.
35...a4 White must now prevent ...Na5.
36.Rg6? -6.03/10 Time pass!
[⌓36.Rg3 -2.97/9 Ref7 37.Rg8]
36...Na5 DIAG. Black is clearly winning.
37.Rh6? -7.58/17
[⌓37.c4 -4.99/9]



Having fought till now, tactical oblivion is grievous. **37...Rfxe3!** Remove Defender, Decoy **38.Rxe3 Nc4+** Deflection, Double Attack **39.Ke1 Rxe3+ 40.Kf2 Rd3 41.b3 axb3** Remarkably, Dr. Rao kept on cursing himself to me for continuing the game when he could have resigned at 18th move or so! But I cheered him up to continue. For me the hurdle of patience laid by my "wounded leopard" was crossed. Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.13 (very precise) . Mistake: White=4 --- OK: White=10 Black=14 Best: --- Black=1
0-1

198 **A00**
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■ **Lykov,Vasilij**
Cup Russia Krasnoiarsk (7) 1998
[Tim Sawyer,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 h5!** Considered by some to be the refutation of this line.

[2...Nc6 3.d3 d5 4.h3 Be6 5.Nc3 d4 6.Ne4 Be7 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Nfg5 Bd5 9.f4 The advance of the f-pawn is almost always a key moment in any chess opening. In the Grob with the g-pawn already gone, it can be dangerous because it opens up lines to the White King. h6 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Nf3 Bh4+ 12.Kf1 Bf6 13.e4 dxe3 14.Bxe3 exf4 15.Bxf4 0-0 16.c3 Qd7 17.Qd2 Rae8 Black has a slight edge in time. He has developed his pieces to active squares more rapidly. White's King still has to get out of the way of his own pieces. 18.Kf2 Ne5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Rhe1 Bf6 21.Kg1 c5 22.Qf4 Qc6 23.h4 Qb6 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 Bd8 26.Qd2 Qd6 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Re1 Rxe1+ 29.Qxe1 White hopes the exchange of Rooks will lessen Black's attacking chances. Bc7 30.Qe2 Qg3 31.Qf2 Qg4 32.Kf1 b6 33.a3 Bc6 34.Qe2 Bg3 35.Qe3 Qf5 36.Ke2 Qg4 37.Kf1 Bf4 38.Qe2 Qf5 39.Ke1 Bg3+ 40.Kf1 Qf4 41.Kg1 Qc1+ 42.Bf1 Qf4 43.Bg2 g6 Black's patient manuevering will be rewarded as White cannot continue to hold everything together. 44.Bh1 Qc1+ 45.Kg2 Qf4 46.Qd1 Qxg5 47.Kf1 Qe3 48.Qe2 Qc1+ 49.Kg2 Qf4 50.Kh3 g5 51.Qe5 g4+ mate in two. 0-1. Kordahi-Weeks, Australian Open, 1999]

[2...Bc5 3.e3 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.exd4 Bb6 6.h3 Nc6 7.c3 h6 8.Bf4 Nf6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Qxe7+ Kxe7 12.Ne2 Ba6 13.Ng3 Rhe8 14.Na3 Kf8+ It's not very often that you get to move your King with check! Alas, that is about the only exciting this about this position. Black has not pressured White at all. 15.Kd2 c5 16.Nc2 Bb7 *(16...cxd4!* immediately seems more promising.*)* 17.Rhg1 Rad8 18.Be3 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Nxd4 c5 21.Nc2 d5 22.Rae1 g6 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Re1 Rxe1 25.Nxe1 White finds a draw in the ending. Ke7 26.Ke3 Kd6 27.f4 Bc8 28.Nf3 Bd7 29.Ne5 Be8 30.Nf3 Bd7 31.Ne5 Be8 32.Nf3 Bd7 ½-½. Laksman-Gentili, Haninge 1997]

[2...d6?! This seems unnecessarily passive and the Grandmaster playing White jumps all over it. 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bg5 Ne7 8.Nc3 Qd7 9.0-0-0 c5 10.Qd3 Ng6 11.h4± Qe6? 12.h5 *(12.Qb5+!* would pick off the Bishop, but both sides miss this for several moves. *)* 12...Ne5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.f4 *(14.Qb5+!* still works.*)* 14...Qe6 15.e4 f6 16.Qb5+ Finally, White sees this. 1-0. bazar-wokzal-Adla, ICC 2000]

[2...Ne7 3.c4 Ng6 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g5 Nh4 7.Be4 Nd4 8.e3 Ne6 9.f4 exf4 10.exf4 Nd4 11.Nge2 Nhf5 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Be3 Nf5 14.Bf2 c6 15.Qe2 Be7 16.0-0-0 0-0 The players have castled on opposite sides. At first glance, White's advanced pawns would seem to give him the better chances on the

Kingside. 17.d4 d5 *(17...Re8)* 18.cxd5 Bb4? *(18...Qc7±)* 19.Qc2 *(19.dxc6!± leaves White a pawn up.)* 19...Qd6 20.Ne2 Re8 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Kb1 Rb8 23.Ng3 g6 White has won a pawn, but the open file gives Black a Queenside attack. White has made little progress with his own Kingside attack. 24.Qxc6? Qxc6 *(24...Rxe4! 25.Qxe4 Nxg3-+* and White cannot defend both the knight fork on the Queen and Rook, and the Bishop skewer on the Queen and King. *)* 25.Bxc6 Bc3 26.Kc2 Nxg3 27.Bxe8 Nxh1 28.Rxh1 Ba5 29.Ba4? *(29.Bc6!+- Bf5+ 30.Kc1 Rc8 31.d5±* leaves Black with the burden of proving that his position is worth two pawns, which it is not.*)* 29...Bf5+ 30.Kd1 Rxb2∓ 31.Be3 Rxa2 32.Bc6 Bd3 33.Bd5 Re2 34.Bc1 Rf2 35.h4 Bc2# 0-1. Stichlberger-Weinzettl, Vienna 1999]

[2...Be7 This is too slow. It prevents 3. h4, but that was not a serious threat in any case. 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 c6 5.h3 Be6 6.d3 Nd7 7.e4 Nb6 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.Be3 h6 10.Rc1 Nf6 11.0-0 When White can safely castle Kingside in the Grob, you know that Black has played passively. Rd8 12.Nd5 Nfxd5 13.cxd5 Bc8 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.a4 0-0 16.a5 Nc8 17.b4 h5 18.gxh5 f5 19.Qb3 fxe4 20.Nxe5 *(20.dxc6+!+- also works.)* 20...Rf6 21.Nxd7 Qxd7? A blunder in a lost position. 22.dxc6+ 1-0. Voeller-Roos, Passau 1998.]

3.gxh5

[3.d4 White may go for this Scandinavian Reversed option. exd4 4.g5 *(* White turns it into a gambit. Instead *4.Qxd4 Nc6∓)* 4...c5 5.c3 Shades of the Smith-Morra Sicilian. d5 6.cxd4 No, it's the old Caro-Kann Panov Reversed. Nc6 7.Nf3 h4 8.h3 Nge7 9.dxc5 Nf5 10.e4 dxe4 11.Qxd8+ Nxd8 12.Nfd2 e3 13.Ne4 exf2+ 14.Kxf2 Ne6 15.Re1 Bd7 16.Nbc3 Bc6 17.Nd6+? *(* Giving up a pawn. The undermining *17.g6!* is more in keeping with the spirit of this game.*)* 17...Nxd6 18.Bxc6+ bxc6 19.cxd6 Bxd6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Bd2 0-0 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Rad1 Nxg5 24.Nxg5 Bxg5 25.Kf3 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Rg1 f6 28.Kg4 Kf7 29.Re1 Rd3! Black hopes for a mating net. 30.Rg1 g6 *(30...Kg6!* leads to mate in two. *)* 31.Rg2 Kg7 headed for h6 so as to mate with the f-pawn. 32.Bb4 Rd4+ 0-1. bazar-wokzal-keisersouze, ICC 2000.]

3...Qg5 This is a common manuever to regain the h-pawn vs the Grob. It is even more effective when White has an undefended fianchettoed Bishop.

[3...Rxh5 4.e3 Rh8 5.c4 f5 6.Qc2 g6 7.Nc3 c6 8.d4 Qg5 9.f4 Qh4+ 10.Qf2 Qxf2+ 11.Kxf2 exd4 *(11...e4* might be better.*)* 12.exd4 Bg7 13.Be3 Nf6 14.h3 Na6 15.a3 Nc7 16.Nf3 *(16.d5! cxd5 17.cxd5±)* 16...d6 17.Ng5 d5 18.Nf3 Ne4+ 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Ne5 Bf5 21.c5∓ Black is better here, but this was part of double-draw offer to finish games quickly. Somewhere there is also another Grob game vs Bloodgood where I stood better that is drawn. ½-½. Sawyer-Bloodgood, corr. APCT 1996]

[3...Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Qxd4 Rxh5 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.Qe3+ Qe7 8.Bf3 Qxe3 9.Bxe3 This is truly an unusual

position for the two White Bishops. Rh8 10.a3 d6 11.Nc3 Bd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Bf4 g6 14.e3 Bg7 15.Nge2 Bg4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Rhg1 Bd7 18.Kb1 Rde8 19.Nc1? *(19.Nd4=)* 19...Nh5∓ Now White will lose a pawn, from which he never recovers. 20.Bg3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Rh2 22.Nd3 c5 23.Rd2 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rxe3 25.Nxc5 Rxc3 26.Nxd7 Kxd7 27.Kb2 Rf3 28.Rf1 Rg2 29.a4 Rgxg3 30.Rd3 Rh3 0-1. Wendel-Brynell, Rodeby Open 1997.]

4.Bf3 This ugly-looking move works because Black has no other piece developed except for his Queen, and she is a target.

[4.Kf1!? If need be, White can defend the Bishop with the King, since he will probably not castle Kingside anyway. Qxh5 5.d4 Nc6 6.dxe5 Qxe5 7.Nf3 Qf5 8.Qd3 d6 9.Qxf5 Bxf5 10.c3 d5 11.Bf4 0-0-0 12.e3 Nf6 13.Nbd2 Nh5 14.Bg3 White has done quite well developing. Re8 15.Ke2 Be7 16.Rad1 Bc2 17.Rc1 Ba4 18.Rhe1 Bc5 19.Kf1 Nxg3+ 20.hxg3 Bb5+ 21.Kg1 The position looks like White castled Kingside after all! Bd3 22.Bf1 Bf5 23.Bg2 Bb6 24.Nb3 Bg4 25.Nbd4 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.Bf3 Bd7 28.Bg2 Kb8 29.Bf3 c6 30.Kg2 Bh3+ 31.Kg1 a5 32.Bg2 Bd7 33.f4? *(* This move creates a serious weakness on e3. I thought I could get away with it. I was wrong. After *33.Rcd1 Bg4∓* Black has only a slight edge. *)* 33...Re7 34.Kf2 Rhe8 35.a3 a4 36.Re2 c5 37.Nc2 d4 38.cxd4 cxd4 39.Rd1 Bb5 40.Ree1 dxe3+ 41.Kg1 e2+ 0-1. Sawyer-Wyrm, ICC 2000.]

4...Qh4 Black stays near the h-pawn but gets off the diagonal of the dark-squared Bishop. **5.d3**

[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.e4 Bc5 7.d4 Bxd4 8.Qe2 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nxh5 White is down a pawn with a weakened pawn structure. He is an International Master, however, and he manages to put together some real threats. 10.Be3 Nf4 11.Qb5 Nc6 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Qa4 Qf6 14.Ne2 Ne6 15.Bg4 d6 16.Qb3 Nc5 17.Bxc5 Qg5+ 18.Be3 Qxg4 19.Ng3 Rb8 20.Rhg1 Be6 21.c4 Qf3 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.exf5 Rh7 24.c5 d5 *(24...dxc5! 25.Bxc5 Qf4+ 26.Rd2 Qxf5-+* looks like a stronger continuation; however, the Black King might get caught in the center.*)* 25.Rxd5 Qxf5 26.Rg5 Qe4 27.Bd2 Qe2 28.Qg3 Qf1+ 29.Kb2 Qb5+ 30.Kc1 Qf1+ 31.Kb2 b6 32.Rgxe5+ Kf8 *(32...Nxe5 33.Qxe5+ Kf8 34.Qxc7 Qb5+ 35.Kc1 bxc5∓* leaves Black up the Exchange.*)* 33.Re3 bxc5+? *(33...Qc4 34.Rdd3 bxc5+ 35.Rb3 Qd4+ 36.Bc3 Qd8∓* keeps a slight edge for Black.*)* 34.Rb3 Rc8 35.Rxc5 Qe2 36.Be3 1-0. Skembris-Mariotti, Budva 1981. So the IM Spiros Skembris pulls a win out of nowhere. Many times the IM Michael Basman has done the same thing. Regarding these two masters in this opening, Tim Harding writes in Dynamic White Openings: "First a word of warning - it is not easy to follow in the footsteps of such talented players. If you play 1.g4 and follow it up badly, you will probably lose quickly!"]

5...Nf6N Strongly threatening ...d5!

[5...Bc5 Taking aim at f2. 6.e3 c6 7.Ne2 d5 8.Nbc3 Nf6 9.Ng3! Ng4

0.59/13 *(9...Bh3∓ -0.31/12)* 10.Qe2 Be6 11.Bd2 Na6 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Rdg1 Nh6! 14.Kb1 f5 15.e4 -0.17/11 *(15.d4± 0.57/8)* 15...dxe4!= 16.dxe4 f4 17.Nf1 0-1 Quigley,D (2070)-Jones,W (2245) APCT corr. 1994 White will have to rearrange his pieces, which Black exploited in Rd7 18.Nd1 Rhd8 19.h3 Ng8 20.Rg4 Qe7 21.Rg6 Nf6 22.Rhg1 Qf8 23.Bg4 Nxg4 24.Rxe6 f3 25.Rxc6+ Nc7 26.Qe1 Nh2 27.Rxc7+ Kxc7 28.Nfe3 Nf1 29.Nxf1 Qd6 30.Bc1 Kb8 31.Nh2 Qxd1 32.c3 0-1 19.♕d2 h5 20. ♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013 Qd3+ 33.Ka1 Qc2 0-1 19. ♕d2 h5 20. ♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013]

6.c4 -1.12/9

[6.Nc3∓ -0.53/11]

6...Nc6 -0.62/11

[6...Nxh5 7.Be3=]

[6...e4∓ -1.12/9 7.dxe4 Bc5 *(7...Nxh5 8.Qb3=; 7...Nxe4 8.Qd4±)*]

7.Nc3∓ Bb4

[7...Nd4 looks sharper. 8.Nd5 Ng4 9.Bxg4 Qxg4 10.Nxc7+ Kd8]

8.Bd2 Black is slightly better. **8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 d6** Threatens to win with ...Ng4. **10.e3** -0.59/21

[10.Bxc6+!= 0.09/12 bxc6 11.Qa4]

10...Nxh5 11.Qc2 Nf6 12.h3 Repels Bg4 **12...Bd7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0** This game has the character of the Closed English Opening. With the with the open lines on the Kingside, both side castle Queenside. **14.Be1 Rde8 15.Bxc6** -1.40/17

[White should play 15.Ne2∓ -0.68/12]

15...Bxc6∓

[Don't take 15...bxc6 16.f3 Qh6 17.Qf2∓]

16.f3 White is weak on the light squares

16...Qg5 -1.08/9

[Better is 16...Qh6-+ -1.72/10 17.Qe2 d5]

17.Qd2 Rh5 -0.46/11

[17...e4∓ -1.30/10 Hoping for ...exd3. 18.h4 Qc5]

18.h4∓ Qh6 19.e4 White places his center pawns on the light squares, which improves the scope of his dark-squared Bishop. **19...Bd7** -0.08/13

[19...Qh7∓ -0.50/13 deserves consideration.]

20.Qxh6= Rxh6

[20...gxh6? loses. 21.Ne2+-]

21.Ne2 Reh8 22.Rg1 Nh5 23.Kd2 f5 24.Ng3 Nxg3 25.Bxg3 Rf6 26.Rdf1 g6 27.f4! The position is equal. **27...Re8 28.exf5 gxf5**

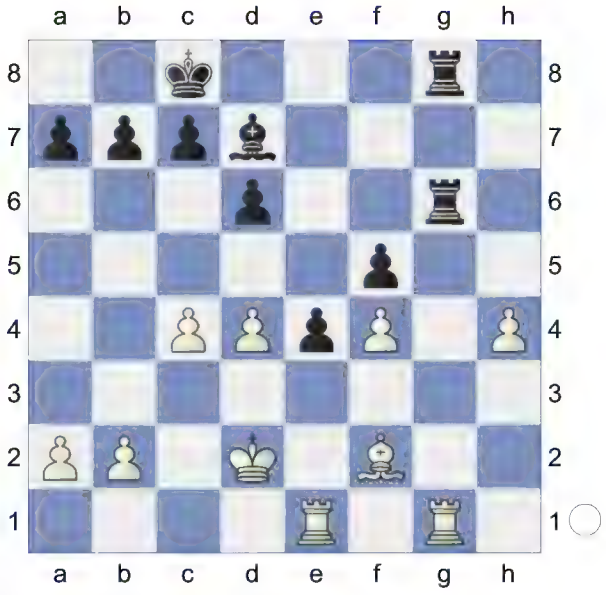
[28...Bxf5=]

29.Re1 e4 30.d4 Rg6 0.45/12

[30...d5= -0.10/10]

31.Bf2!± Reg8 1.33/15

[31...Rg4± 0.33/15]



32.Rxg6 0.01/11

[32.Rg5!± would be much more difficult to meet.]

[32.Rg5!± 1.33/15]

32...Rxg6= The position is equal. **33.Rg1 Rxg1 34.Bxg1** Endgame. Now with Bishops of opposite colors and the Rooks gone, the game is most likely drawn. KB-KB **34...Be8 35.b4 Kd8 36.Kc3 Ke7 37.d5 a6 38.Kd4 Kf6 39.Bf2 Kg6 40.Be1 Kh5 41.Ke3 b5 42.c5 Bf7 43.cxd6 cxd6 44.a3 Bxd5 45.Bg3 Bf7 46.Be1 Kg4 47.Bc3 Kxh4 48.Bf6+ Kg3 49.Bb2 Kg2 50.Bd4!** Black can make no progress. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.18 (very precise) . Mistake: White=3 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=2 OK: White=19 Black=12 Best: White=1 --- Strong: White=2

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199 **A00**

□ **Skembris,Spyridon**

■ **Mariotti,Sergio**

zt Budva (3) 1981

[TonyK,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 e5 2.Bg2** This may be inaccurate,

[2.c4 might be better, trying to control some light squares, and in particular d5. Kosten,Anthony C: 'might be better, trying to control some light squares, and in particular d5.' h5!? 3.gxh5 Rxh5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 Certain portions of the position resemble an English opening. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Certain portions of the position resemble an English opening.' 7.h4 Ng4 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.Bg5 with an unusual position, which might be slightly better for Black, Basman,M-Arkell,K/Southampton 1986. Kosten,Anthony C: 'with an unusual position, which might be slightly better for Black, Basman,M-Arkell,K/Southampton 1986.']

2...h5 This is a very popular idea, trying to ruin the white pawn structure, and isolate the h2-pawn, but I still think that Kosten,Anthony C: 'This is a very popular idea, trying to ruin the white pawn structure, and isolate the h2-pawn, but I still think that'

[2...d5 is the best move.]

3.gxh5 Qg5!? 4.Bf3 Qh4 5.Nc3N

[5.d3 Bc5 6.e3 c6 7.Ne2 d5 8.Nbc3 Nf6 9.Ng3 Ng4 10.Qe2 Be6 11.Bd2 Na6 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Rdg1 Nh6 14.Kb1 f5 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 f4 17.Nf1 Rd7 18.Nd1 Rhd8 19.h3 Ng8 0-1 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013 20.Rg4 Qe7 21.Rg6 Nf6 22.Rhg1 Qf8 23.Bg4 Nxg4 24.Rxe6 f3 25.Rxc6+ Nc7 26.Qe1 Nh2 27.Rxc7+ Kxc7 28.Nfe3 Nf1 29.Nxf1 Qd6 30.Bc1 Kb8 31.Nh2 Qxd1 32.c3 Qd3+ 33.Ka1 Qc2 0-1 19.♕d2 h5 20.♗g5 (2070)-Kaya,E (2245) 30 Paris 2013]

5...Nf6 6.e4?! -1.90/20

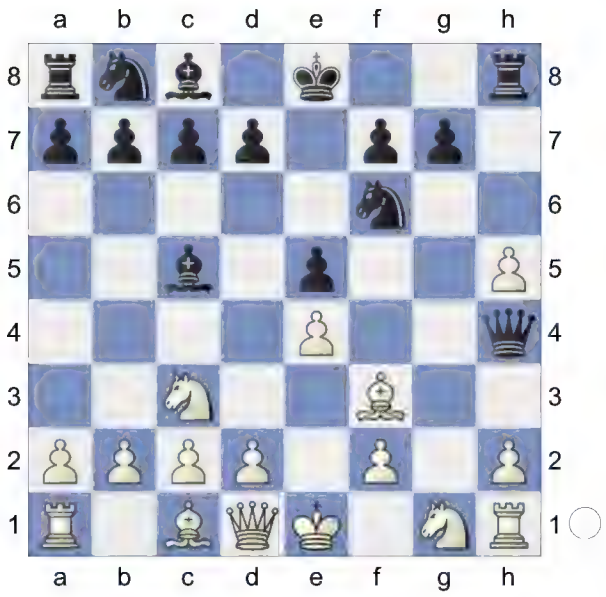
[6.d3 Is less committal.]

[6.d3∓ -0.41/22]

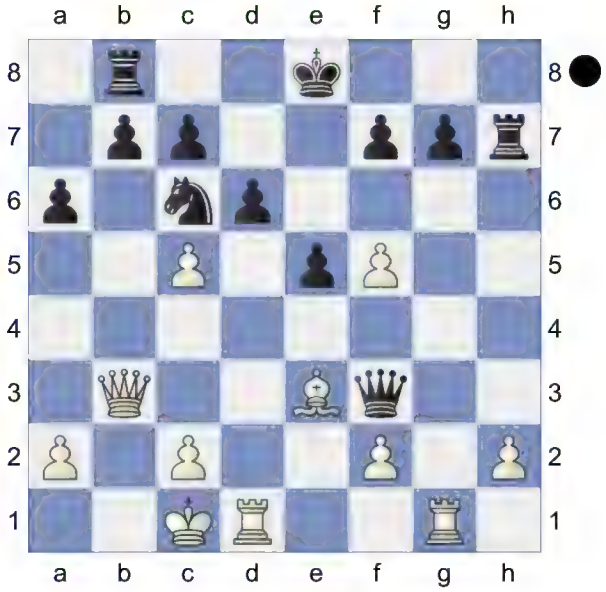
6...Bc5!-+

[6...Nxh5 7.Nge2∓]

(Diagram)



7.d4!? -2.72/20
[⌓7.Qe2 -1.99/23]
7...Bxd4 8.Qe2 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Bxc3+**
[8...Nxh5 9.Nd5 Na6 10.c3∓]
9.bxc3 Nxh5 In return for his pawn minus, White seems to have a rotten position! Kosten,Anthony C: 'In return for his pawn minus, White seems to have a rotten position!' **10.Be3 Nf4 11.Qb5 Nc6 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Qa4 Qf6 14.Ne2 Ne6** A dynamic duo of knights. **15.Bg4 d6 16.Qb3 Nc5!** This should win. Kosten,Anthony C: '#This should win.' **17.Bxc5** Black must now prevent Bxc8. **17...Qg5+?!** This is unnecessary,
[17...Bxg4 18.Qxb7 0-0! 19.Qxc6 Bxe2 wins at least an exchange, for no compensation. Kosten,Anthony C: 'wins at least an exchange, for no compensation.']
[17...dxc5 18.Bxc8 Rxc8 19.Ng3-+ *(19.Qxb7 0-0-+)*]
18.Be3 Qxg4 19.Ng3 Rb8 20.Rhg1 Be6
[20...Rxh2 21.c4-+]
21.c4 Qf3 A computer would greedily capture,. ...b5! is the strong threat.
[21...Rxh2 and after. And now ...b5 would win. 22.Nf5 -3.50/11 *(⌓22.Qd3 -2.08/9)* 22...Qxe4-+ 23.Nxg7+ Kf8 -1.30/10 Black should be able to defend. *(23...Kd7-+ -3.15/10* is more deadly. *24.Nxe6 Kxe6)*]
[21...Rxh2 22.Qd3-+]
22.Nf5 Bxf5
[22...Rxh2? 23.Nxg7+ Kd7 24.Nxe6 Kxe6 *(24...fxe6? 25.Rg7+* Skewer *Ke8 26.c5+-)* 25.c5+ Kd7 26.cxd6 cxd6 27.Rg7+-]
23.exf5 Rh7
[23...Rxh2 24.Rxg7 Rg2 *(24...Qxf5?! 25.Rg8+ Kd7 26.Rxb8±* Remove Defender *)* 25.f6∓]
24.c5!



White tries to generate some play.
24...d5 Black plays 'safe', but
[24...dxc5 -0.08/11 24...d5 -0.82 is fine, as 25.Rd7! can be answered by Qxf5]
[24...Rxh2? 25.Rxg7 Qxf5 26.Rg8+ *(26.cxd6 cxd6 27.Rxd6 Ne7+-)* 26...Ke7 27.Rxb8 Nxb8 28.Qxb7+- *(28.cxd6+ cxd6 29.Qa3 Qf6±)*]
[24...Qxf5?! 25.cxd6 cxd6

26.Rxd6±]
25.Rxd5 Qxf5 26.Rg5 -2.05/13
[26.Rd2∓ -1.42/11]
26...Qe4 -1.19/10
[Black should play 26...Qe6-+ -2.05/13 Strongly threatening ...Kf8! 27.Qd3 Rxh2 *(27...g6? 28.f4-+)* 28.Rxg7 Rh1+ *(28...Ne7 29.Rh7∓)* 29.Kb2 Ne7 Trapped Piece]
27.Bd2 -1.91/12 With a few careful moves Black will win, but he must take care as the white pieces are active. Kosten,Anthony C: 'With a few areful moves Black will win, but he must take care as the white pieces are active.'
[27.Rd1∓ -1.19/10 was worth a try.]
27...Qe2? -0.19/11
[27...Rxh2 28.Rxg7 Ne7 *(28...Rxf2? 29.Rg8+ Ke7 30.Bg5+ Rf6 31.Rxb8+-)* 29.Rd8+ Kxd8 30.Qxf7 Rh1+ 31.Kb2 Qd4+ 32.Ka3 Qxc5+ 33.Bb4 Rh3+ 34.f3 Qe3+ 35.c3 Qc1+ *(35...Rxf3 36.Qxe7+ Kc8 37.Qxc7#)* 36.Kb3 Qb1+ *(36...Qd1+ 37.Ka3=)* 37.Ka3 Qc1+ 38.Kb3 Qd1+ 39.Ka3=]
[27...g6-+ -1.91/12 28.f3 Qe2]
28.Qg3 -0.92/11
[28.Rd3!= -0.19/11]
28...Qf1+∓ 29.Kb2 Qb5+ -0.40/13 Black has a perpetual check, and perhaps he should take the draw?
[29...Qc4∓ -0.95/11 30.Rdxe5+ Nxe5 31.Qxe5+ Kf8]
30.Kc1∓ Qf1+ 31.Kb2 b6 0.02/17
[Black should try 31...Qc4∓ -0.93/12 32.Rdxe5+ Nxe5 33.Qxe5+ Kf8 34.Qxc7 Qb5+ 35.Kc1 Re8]
32.Rgxe5+= Kf8! Kosten,Anthony C: 'After'
[After 32...Nxe5 1.37/10 32...Kf8 0.00 Black must have been worried about Kosten,Anthony C: 'Black must have been worried about' 33.Qxe5+ Kf8 34.Qxc7? -0.22/7 but he has the resource *(34.c6+- 2.82/11 Rh4 35.Bc3)* 34...Qb5+!= with at least a draw, and probably more after 35.Ka1 -2.59/31 *(35.Kc1* -1.76/11 might work better. *bxc5 36.Bb4)* 35...bxc5]
33.Re3! Dancing on a razor blade.
33...bxc5+? 4.61/8
[33...Qc4 is better.]
[33...Qc4= 0.00/10 34.Rdd3 Nb4 *(34...bxc5+ 35.Rb3=)* 35.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 36.Kc1 Qxc5 *(36...bxc5? 37.Rb3+-* Skewer *)*]
34.Rb3+- Now Black has problems because his h7-rook is out of play. Kosten,Anthony C: 'Now Black has problems because his h7-rook is out of play.'. White wants to mate with Rxb8+. White is clearly winning. **34...Rc8 35.Rxc5** Active counter play! **35...Qe2 36.Be3!** The knight must move, and then the c-pawn drops, and along with it the rest of the black position. Kosten, Anthony C: 'The knight must move, and then the c-pawn drops, and along with it the rest of the black position.'. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.48. Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=4 Black=3 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=12 Black=13 Best: White=5 --- Strong: White=1 Black=2
[Not 36.Rxc6 Qxd2 37.Rxc7 *(37.Rxa6 Qd4+ 38.Qc3 Qxc3+ 39.Rxc3 Rb8+ 40.Rb3 Rxb3+ 41.Kxb3 g6∓)* 37...Re8=]
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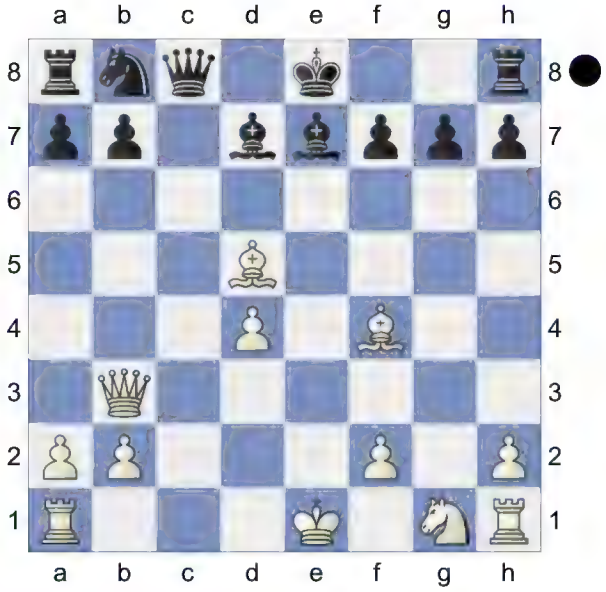
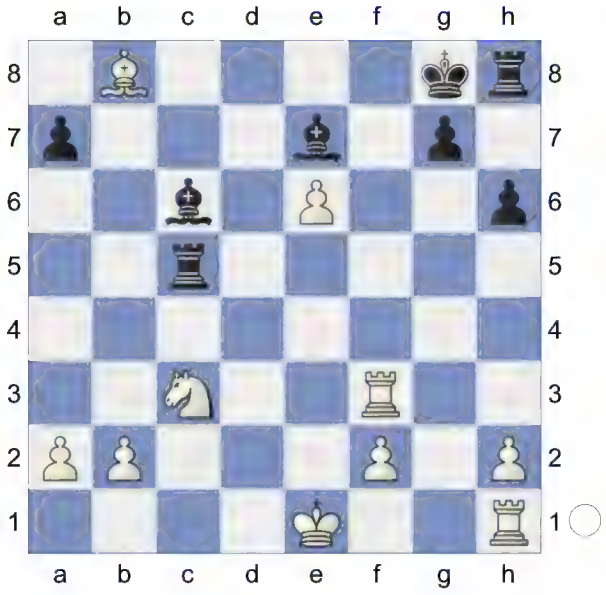
200 **A00**
□ **Grob,Henry**
■ **Meier,R..**
FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942
[H. Grob,Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2** TH: Grob nearly always preferred this move, offering the g-pawn.
[RR2.h3 (preferred by Basman) was also tried by Grob in a few games.]
2...Bxg4!? **3.c4** TH: This is the line advocated by Claude Bloodgood in his monograph 'The Tactical Grob' **3...c6 4.cxd5**
[4.Qb3 can also be played at once but Grob preferred 4 cxd5 after which it is risky for Black to recapture.]
4...Nf6
[4...cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6 is an alternative, but White always regains his gambit pawn. *(5...e6 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Qxg4 Nf6 8.Qa4* 1-0 Djukic,M-Prelevic,D Belgrade 2006 *)*]
5.Nc3N
[5.Qb3 Qb6 6.dxc6 Qxb3 7.cxb7 Qxb7 8.Bxb7 Wall - Kubasek,T 700 Opening Traps by Bill Wall]
5...Bd7 0.00/23
[5...Nxd5?! 6.Nxd5 cxd5 7.Qb3=]
[5...cxd5∓ -1.29/21 aiming for ...e7-e6. 6.Qb3 Nc6 7.Nxd5 Qd7]
6.Qb3 -0.62/23
[6.e4= 0.00/23]
6...Qc8 -0.04/24
[6...cxd5∓ -0.62/23 7.Nxd5 Nc6]
7.d4 e6 0.46/21
[7...cxd5!∓ -0.37/25 8.Nxd5 Nc6]
8.e4 -0.11/22
[8.dxe6± 0.46/21 Bxe6 9.Qd1]
8...exd5= 9.exd5
[9.e5!? Nh5 10.Nxd5= *(10.Bf3 g6=)*]
9...Be7 0.00/18
[9...Bd6∓ -0.42/20]
10.Bf4 cxd5 1.14/19
[10...0-0!= 0.00/18 keeps the balance.]
11.Nxd5± Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Diagram



12...Nc6 Black cannot prevent the loss of a pawn so he develops his N in order to get some counterplay.
[12...Be6? 3.08/23 12...Nb8-c6 1.14 13.Qxb7]
13.Bxf7+ Kf8 14.Rc1! White has more active pieces. **14...Be8** 2.29/24
[14...Bg4± 1.33/20 15.h3 Qf5]
15.Be6+- This leads to unfathomable complications.
[15.Bxe8 Qxe8 16.Ne2 0.17/21 was simpler. *(*Better is *16.Qxb7+-* 1.65/23 *Nxd4 17.Kf1)*]
15...Qd8 16.d5
[16.Qxb7 Qxd4 17.Ne2 *(17.Qxa8 Qxf4 18.Rxc6 Qe4+* Pin, Double Attack *19.Kf1 Qxc6=)* 17...Qb4+ 18.Qxb4 Nxb4±]
16...Nd4 Repels Ng1-e2 **17.Qxb7** And now Bf4-c7 would win. **17...Nxe6 18.dxe6 Qa5+ 19.Rc3 Rd8 20.Bc7?** 0.19/20

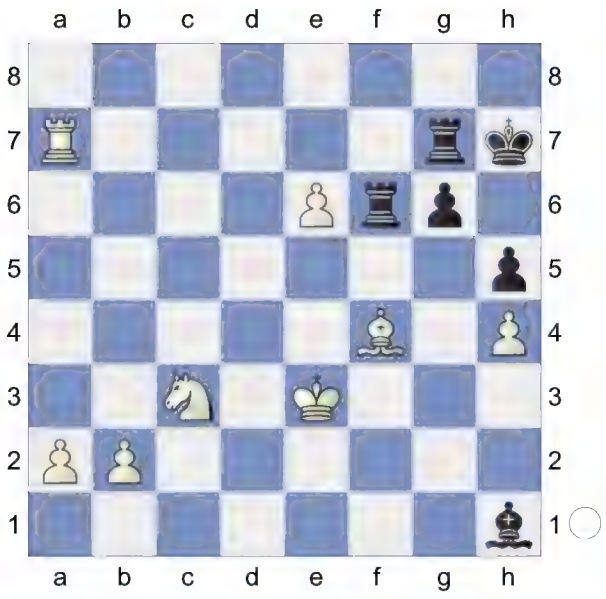
[20.Ne2!+- 1.96/19]
20...Qd5!= 21.Rf3+
[21.Qxa7? Qd1#]
21...Kg8 22.Qxd5
[22.Qxa7? Qd1#]
22...Rxd5 23.Ne2 Hoping for Rf3-e3.
23...h6 0.94/22 Diagram #
[23...Bb4+= 0.23/19 remains equal. 24.Nc3 Bh5]
24.Nc3 White decides to give up the exchange in order to exploit his superiority in pawns. **24...Rc5** Threatening both ...Rc7 and the skewer ...Bc6. **25.Bb8 Bc6** 1.31/21
[25...Rc6± 0.62/21]



White leaves nothing to chance now.
26.Rf7!± Bxh1 27.Rxe7 a5 2.15/23
[27...Kh7± 1.43/23 28.Bd6 *(28.Bxa7 Re5+ 29.Kd2 Rd8+ 30.Kc2 Bf3=)* 28...Rg5]
28.f4!+- Kh7 29.Be5 Rg8 30.Kf2 Black must now prevent Kf2-e3. **30...h5?** 3.94/22
[30...Kg6 1.64/20 31.Ke3 Kf5]
31.Ke3 Rcc8 32.f5 Rce8 33.Ra7 Kh6 34.h4!± Threatens to win with Ra7-f7!
[Weaker is 34.Rxa5 g6+-]
34...Ref8
[34...g5? 9.10/8 34...Re8-f8 3.62 35.Ne4 Bxe4 36.Kxe4 and Black dare not play gxh4 because of 37.Bf4+]
[34...Ra8 was better than the text move, however.]
35.Bf4+
[35.Rxa5 Rxf5 36.e7 Rf1±]
35...Kh7 36.Rxa5 Ra8
[36...g6? 7.09/11 36...Rf8-c8 3.93 37.f6! and if. Ra5-a7+ would kill now. Rxf6?

38.Ra7+! Rg7 *(38...Kh8 39.Be5! Rgf8 40.Rf7* or 40 e7 and wins *)*

(Diagram)



39.Rxg7+! Kxg7 40.Be5 Bc6 41.Ne4 Bxe4 42.Kxe4 and the black R is lost]

37.Rb5 2.65/9

[⌓37.Rxa8 4.63/19 Rxa8 38.b4]

37...Rge8 3.89/21

[37...Rgc8 2.65/9 might work better. 38.Kd4 Kg8]

38.a3+- g6 39.Ne4 Threatening to regain the exchange by Nf6+ **39...Bxe4** 4.90/8

[39...gxf5 3.31/12 was worth a try. 40.Nf6+ *(40.Rxf5 Rxe6 41.Rxh5+ Kg6±)* 40...Kg7 41.Nxe8+ Rxe8 42.Rxf5 Rxe6+ 43.Be5+ Kg6 44.Rg5+ Kf7 45.Rxh5 Bc6 46.Rf5+ Kg8]

40.Kxe4 gxf5+ 41.Kxf5 Ra6 42.Be5 1.93/11

[⌓42.Re5 3.50/11]

42...Ra7? 5.48/12

[⌓42...Rf8+ 3.93/11 42...Ra6xe6 2.09 was somewhat better to keep back the white K RR43.Bf6]

[42...Raxe6 1.93/11 43.a4 Rc6]

43.Bf6 Kg8? This loses instantly but after

[43...Kh6 White wins by 44.e7 Ra6 45.Rd5 Kh7 46.Rd8 Ra8 47.Rd6 Kg8 48.Kg6 Ra5 49.Rd8 Ra8 50.Rd5 10.58/7 followed by Rxh5 and Rh8# *(⌓50.Rxe8+ #9/18 Rxe8 51.b4 Ra8 52.b5 Rc8 53.b6 Rb8 54.b7 Re8 55.Be5 Rf8 56.b8R Rxb8 57.Bxb8 Kh8 58.e8Q#)*]

44.Kg6! Now if 44...Rh7 45 e7! and Black finds himself in zugzwang. Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.64. Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=3 Black=12 Inaccurate: White=4 Black=3 OK: White=15 Black=9 Best: White=4 Black=5 Strong: White=3 ---

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201 **A00**

□ **Keres,Paul**

■ **Niemann,J..**

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[P. Keres,Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6**

[RR3...e6 Keres: 'In 1963 Czech theoretician Ludek Pachman *in his book 'Queen's Gambit and Other Close Games' wrote of 1 g4: "A doubtful continuation, motivated by a tactical trap which, moreover, is incorrect". His point was that after ... d5 2 Bg2 "some theoretical text-books consider the move 2...Bxg4 to be incorrect because of the reply 3 c4; however, after 3...e6 4 cxd5 cxd5 5 Qb3 Nf6 6 Qxb7 Nbd7 the position still favours Black."' In 1963 Czech theoretician Ludek Pachman *in his book 'Queen's Gambit and Other Close Games' wrote of 1 g4: "A

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4.cxd5 Nf6

[4...cxd5 5.Qb3 e6 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Qxg4 Nf6 8.Qa4 1-0 Djukic,M-Prelevic,D Belgrade 2006]

5.Nc3N

[5.Qb3 Qb6 6.dxc6 Qxb3 7.cxb7 Qxb7 8.Bxb7 Wall - Kubasek,T 700 Opening Traps by Bill Wall]

5...e5? 0.36/20

[5...cxd5 6.Qb3 Qd7 -0.91/23 *(⌓6...e6* -1.38/23 aiming for ...Nb8-c6. *7.h3 Bf5)* 7.Nxd5∓ Nc6]

[RR5...Bd7 0.00/21 5...c6xd5 -1.39 6.Qb3 -0.68/24 *(6.e4=* 0.00/21 *)* 6...Qc8 -0.02/25 *(6...cxd5∓* -0.68/24 *7.Nxd5 Nc6)* 7.d4 e6 0.51/20 *(*Black should try *7...cxd5!=* -0.28/24 *8.Nxd5 Nc6)* 8.e4 -0.05/23 *(8.dxe6±* 0.51/20 *Bxe6 9.Qd1)* 8...exd5= And now ...Nf6xe4 would win. 9.exd5 -0.36/21 *(9.e5!=* 0.00/25 *Nh5 10.Bf3)* 9...Be7 0.04/16 *(9...Bd6∓* -0.36/21 was preferrable.*)* 10.Bf4!= cxd5 1.18/18 *(10...0-0!=* 0.04/16 remains equal.*)* 11.Nxd5± Nxd5 12.Bxd5± Keres: 'Grob's Angriff 2nd ed p43 (Grob-Meier, corr 1942)' Grob's Angriff 2nd ed p43 (Grob-Meier, corr 1942)]

[Much weaker is 5...Nxd5 6.Nxd5 cxd5 7.Qb3=]

[Black should play 5...cxd5∓ -1.44/22 ...Nb8-c6 would now be deadly. 6.Qb3 e6 7.Qxb7 Nbd7]

6.dxe6!± Bxe6 7.d4 Inhibits Bf8-c5.

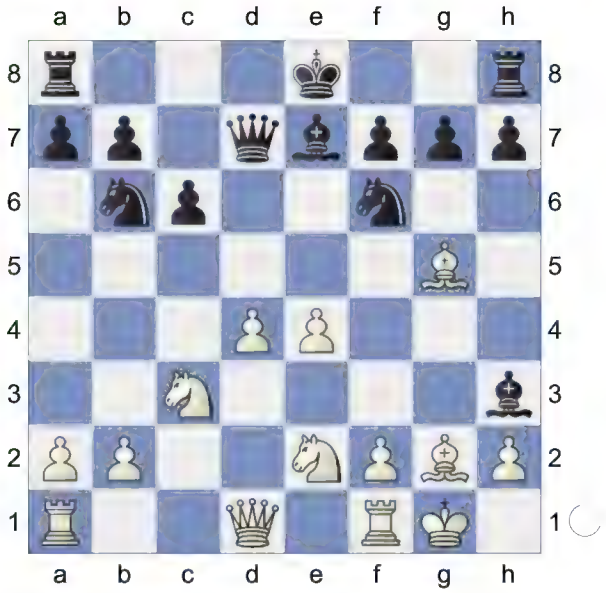
7...Nbd7 8.e4 White is slightly better.

8...Nb6 9.Nge2 Qd7 10.Bg5! 0.28/18

[10.0-0± 0.71/17]

10...Be7= 11.0-0 Bh3

[11...0-0 12.f4 Bh3 13.f5→]



...Bh3xg2 is the strong threat. **12.Bxh3 Qxh3 13.Nf4 Qg4+** 0.72/16

[≤13...Qd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.e5 Be7 16.e6!]

[13...Qd7= -0.02/22 keeps the balance.]

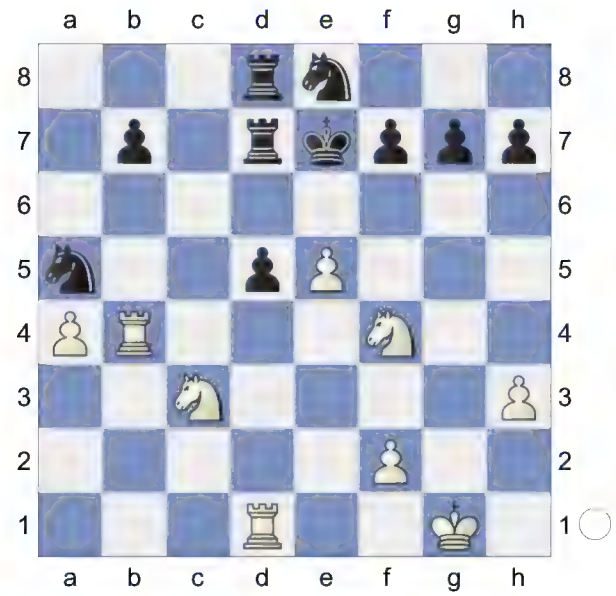
14.Qxg4± Nxg4 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rfd1 Rhd8 17.a4 a5 18.Rab1! Rd7 19.b4 Rad8? 2.33/21 This move loses the game for Black.

[19...Nc4± 0.75/20]

20.h3 Nf6 21.bxa5 Nc4 22.e5! Ne8 23.Rb4 Nxa5

[Not 23...Nxe5? 24.Re1+-]

24.d5! cxd5? 4.05/15
[24...Kf8 2.21/22 25.d6 Nxd6]



25.Ncxd5++- Kf8 26.e6 Re7 27.Re1 Rxd5
[27...Nc6 28.Rb6!]
28.Nxd5 Rxe6 29.Rxe6 fxe6 30.Rf4+ Notes by Keres in D.Schz. May 1936 p147, reprinted Gambit Revue 2/2000. Heuer said this was the 8th DSZ though GR said 5th, whihc seems correct according to the crosstables in DSZ (April 1937). Keres: 'Notes by Keres in D.Schz. May 1936 p147, reprinted Gambit Revue 2/2000. Heuer says this was the 8th DSZ though GR said 5th'. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.47. Mistake: White=1 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1 OK: White=6 Black=7 Best: White=7 ---
[30.Rf4+ Nf6 31.Nxf6 gxf6 32.Rxf6+ Ke7 33.Rh6]
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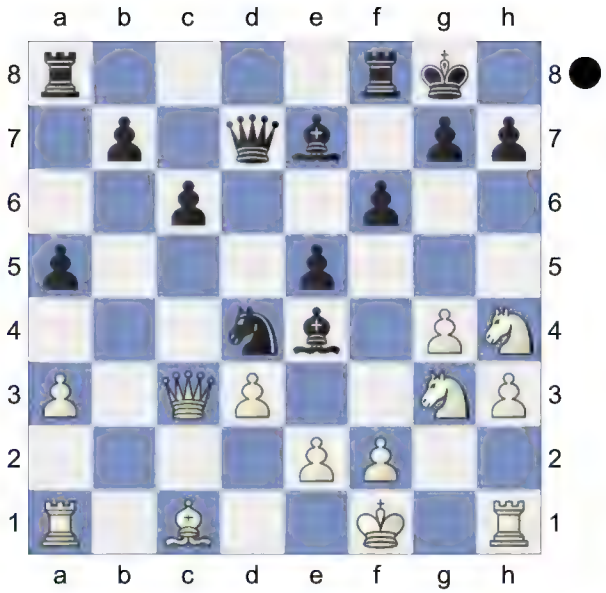
202 **A00**
□ **Townsend**
■ **Schiller,Eric Andrew**
North-South Match 1994
[Schiller,Eric, MH]

Visalia hosts the annual match between Northern California and Southern California, which usually features many strong players. In this contest, the Northern Heroes bashed the LA-LA land group 40-10. A00: Irregular Openings * **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.d3 c6 4.Bg2 Bd6N**
[4...Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.Nc3 Bb4 *(6...Nh4 7.Nxh4 Qxh4 8.e4 Bc5 9.Qe2 d4 10.Nb1 Nd7 11.Nd2 0-0* A 00/01 2000*)* 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Bd2 h5 10.g5 Qc5 11.h4 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Qd2 Qd6 14.d4 0-0 15.Ne5 f6 16.Ng6 Re8 17.Nxf4 fxg5 18.Nxh5 g4 19.Qg5 1-0 19.♕d2 h5 20. ♗g5-De Hayes,A 64: PCA Grand Prix (rapid), Moscow 1994]
5.c4 Ne7 6.Nc3 Be6 This is the best formation against White's outlandish opening play. **7.cxd5 Nxd5** -0.44/11
[7...cxd5 8.Nf3 f6 Against Ng5 9.a3 Nbc6 10.Bd2 Qd7 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.b4 h5 13.g5 Ng6 14.gxf6 gxf6 15.e4 Nce7 -0.25/8 *(Black should try 15...d4∓* -1.43/11 *16.Nd5 Kf7)* 16.exd5= Nxd5 -0.63/11 *(16...Bf5=* -0.25/14 *)* 17.Ne4 -1.98/10 *(17.Nxd5∓* -0.63/11 *Bxd5 18.Rxc8+ Qxc8 19.Nh4 Bxg2 20.Nxg2)* 17...Kf7 -1.06/10 *(*Better is *17...Rxc1-+* -1.98/10 *18.Qxc1 Be7)* 18.Rxc8∓ Rxc8 19.Rg1? -2.40/9 1/2-1/2, Csapo Zoltan (HUN) 2146 - Straschhewsky Joerg, Budapest (Hungary) 2005.10.09 *(19.Nh4∓* -0.89/10 *Ngf4 20.Bf1)*]
[7...cxd5∓ -1.02/11 8.Nf3 h6]

8.Ne4 -0.90/8
[8.Nf3∓ -0.44/11]
8...Bb4+ 9.Kf1 This makes sense only if White is going to play on the h-file. As it turns out, his intention was to work the queenside, so this was an inappropriate move. 9.Bd2 is only a little better for Black. **9...0-0 10.Nf3 f6 11.a3 Be7 12.b4** -1.08/11 Dubious, because the pawn just becomes a target.
[12.d4∓ -0.65/8 deserves consideration.]
12...Nd7 13.Ng3 -1.42/11
[White should play 13.Rb1 -0.90/13]
13...a5!∓ 14.b5 -2.13/15
[14.bxa5∓ -1.45/11 is a better defense. Qxa5 15.d4]
14...Nc3! This simply wins a pawn.
15.Qd2 -2.10/11
[⌓15.Qc2 -1.64/11 Nxb5 16.Bb2]
15...Nxb5-+ 16.Nh4 -3.18/12
[⌓16.a4 -2.08/8]
16...Nd4 17.Rb1 Nc5 18.Qc3 Na4 19.Qe1 Qd7 20.Be4 Ba2! The rook is forced to a useless position. **21.Ra1 Bd5 22.Qd1 Nc3 23.Qd2 Bxe4!** 0.51/17
[23...Nxe4-+ -2.95/20 24.dxe4 Bc4]
24.Qxc3 -4.11/21
[24.Nxe4? -3.59/22 24.dxe4 0.55 Nxe4 25.dxe4 Rfd8 is clearly better for Black.]
[24.dxe4± 0.51/17 was forced to keep a grip. Na4 25.e3]

(Diagram)



Now White is beyond hope. **24...Bxh1 25.Nxh1 Qd5 26.Ng3 Qb3! 27.Qd2** -5.58/10
[⌓27.Qb2 -3.65/18]
27...Nc2 Wins the rook. Black is clearly winning. **28.Nhf5 Rf7 29.Nxe7+ Rxe7 30.Nf5 Rf7** White resigned. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.35. Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=7 Black=1 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=5 Black=12 Best: --- Black=1
0-1

203 **A00**
□ **Chan,Virgilio**
■ **Tate,Emory**
Atlantic Open (1) 1998
[Tim Sawyer,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.Bg2 h5N** Difficult to meet.
[3...Bc5 This development allows ... ♘ge7 without trapping in the Bishop on f8. 4.c4
A) 4...Be6? 5.Nc3 c6 6.Qb3 Na6

7.cxd5 Bd7?? *(7...cxd5 8.Bxd5±* and White as won a pawn.*)* 8.Qxb7 Nb4 9.dxc6 Rb8 10.Qxd7+ Black has lost a piece in the fray. Qxd7 11.cxd7+ Kxd7 12.Be4 Nf6 13.a3 Nxe4 14.axb4 Rxb4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.d3 Rb4 17.Nf3 f6 1-0. Sheaffer-Hart, Chicago 1994.;

B) 4...c6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Nc3= Wall]

[3...Nc6 Black focuses on bringing his pieces out faster. "One of Black's most aggressive anti-Grob formations, " according to Basman.

A) 4.c4 dxc4 5.Qa4 Nge7

A1) 6.Nf3 Ng6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.h4 Bb4 9.Ng5 Bd7 10.Bd5 0-0 11.Qc2 Bxg4 12.Qe4 Bd7 13.Nxh7 Nd4 14.h5 *(*An interesting try is *14.Qxg6!? Bf5 15.Nf6+ Qxf6 16.Qxf6 gxf6 17.Kf1 Bxc3 18.dxc3 Nc2∓)* 14...Nf4 *(14...Bf5!-+* wins material.*)* 15.Nxf8 Qxf8 16.Kd1 Re8 17.Bxc4 Bc6 18.Nd5 Qc5 19.d3 Nxd5 20.Rg1 Nf4 21.Qe3 Ndxe2 0-1. Basman-Miles, Manchester 1981.;

A2) 6.Qxc4 Be6 7.Qa4 Bd5 8.Nf3 Ng6 9.d3 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 0-0 11.a3 b5 12.Qd1 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 e4 14.dxe4 Bxe4 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 Harding says "with chances for both sides." 16.0-0 Na5 ½-½. Basman-Hebden, England 1980.;

B) 4.d3 Be6 5.c3 Nge7 6.Nf3 f6 7.Qa4 Qd7 8.c4 dxc4 9.dxc4 Nc8 10.Be3 Bb4+ 11.Nfd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Qc2 f5 14.Rd1 Rad8 15.a3 Be7 16.Nc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Nf3 c5 19.b4 Qc8 20.bxc5 Qxc5 21.Nb5 fxg4 22.Nbxd4 Rxf3! Brilliant! White is in trouble. 23.Qe4 *(* The critical line is *23.exf3 Rxd4 24.Rxd4 Qxd4 25.Re1 gxh3 26.Rxe6 hxg2 27.Kxg2 Bxa3 28.Re8+ Kf7-+)* 23...Bf5 24.Qxb7 Rxd4 25.hxg4 Rxf2 0-1. Basman-Ravikumar, Torquay 1982.]

[3...c6 4.d4 e4 5.Bf4 *(5.c4 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.g5 Be6 8.h4 Qd7 9.Nh3 b5 10.cxb5 cxb5 11.Nf4 b4 12.Na4 Qb5 13.Be3 Nf5 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.Bh3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bxh3 17.Rxh3 Ke7 18.Qb3 Bxf4 19.exf4 Rab8* 3 Chapter-Games Chapter 2 Game *)* 5...Bd6 6.Qd2 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Ng6 9.Qg3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Qh2 Qg5 13.f4 Qxf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Rdf1 Na6 17.Ne5 Qxh2 18.Rxh2 0-1 4.h3 ♗h5/ 9.d4_35082 (2289)-Srigley,D (2227) Reykjavik Open 1982]

[3...Ne7 4.c4 dxc4 5.Na3 Ng6 6.Nxc4 Be7 7.d3 Nd7 8.Nf3 c6 9.h4 Nxh4 10.Nxh4 Bxh4 11.Nd6+ Kf8 12.Qb3 Qf6 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.g5 f5 15.Rxh4 fxe4 16.Be3 exd3 17.Qxd3 Nb6 18.Qc2 4 Chapter-Games Chapter 7 Game]

4.gxh5

[4.g5!? is suggested by Wind.]

4...Nc6

[4...Bc5 5.d3 *(5.e3!?* seems like the best try for White to survive.*)* 5...Qh4 6.e3 Nf6 7.Nf3 Qxh5 8.d4 exd4 9.exd4 Bd6 10.Nc3 *(10.Qe2+* looks good after *Kd8 11.Be3 Re8 12.Nc3 Bf4 13.0-0-0=)* 10...c6 11.Qe2+ Be6 12.Ng5 Qxe2+ 13.Nxe2 Bf5 14.c3 Nbd7 15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Nxf4 Nh5 17.Ne2 f6 18.Nf3

g5 19.0-0-0 Bg6 20.Nh2 0-0-0 21.Nf1 Rde8 22.Nfg3 f5 23.Rde1 Ndf6 0-1 Wavresky,P (2210)-Martine,J (2205) Paris-ch 1993 (6) Black is better poised for action, winning nicely in]

[4...Nf6 Already Black looks better. 5.d3 Rxh5 6.c4 dxc4 7.dxc4 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Nc6 9.Nc3 Bf5 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 0-1 Raygrotzki,N-Frolov,A (2525) Schwaebisch Gmuend op 1994 (1) It is hard to find a good plan for White - he never did in the game]

5.e4 dxe4 And now ...Qh4 would win. **6.Bxe4 Nf6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qe2** Black is clearly better.

[Maybe a better try is 8.Nc3 Rxh5 White must now prevent ...Bg4! 9.Qf3= -1.84/9 *(9.Qe2∓ -1.36/12)*]

8...Rxh5

[Don't play 8...Nxh5 9.Qxe5+ Be7 10.Ne2=]

9.Nc3 Prevents Qd5 **9...Bg4** Black is more active. **10.f3** -1.87/12

[10.Qa6∓ -1.45/10 Qd7 11.f3]

10...Be6-+ 11.d3 Rb8 12.Ne4 Nd5 13.c4? -4.37/10

[13.b3 -1.72/13]

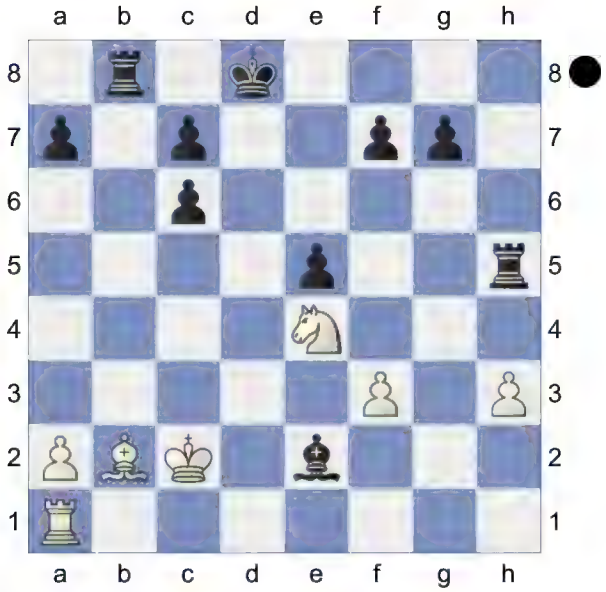
13...Nb4

(Diagram)

Discovered Attack **14.Nf2 Bc5** Black has a very powerful attack which pieces flying everywhere. ...Bxf2+ is the strong threat. **15.Ne4** -6.23/9

[⌓15.h4 -4.03/8]

15...Bxg1 Black is clearly winning. **16.Rxg1 Nxd3+ 17.Kd1 Nxb2+ 18.Kc2 Bxc4 19.Rd1 Bxe2 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.Bxb2**



Bd3+! 22.Kxd3 Rxb2 Black has won the Exchange and three pawns. KRR-KRN **23.Kc3 Rg2 24.Rd1+ Kc8** Hoping for ...f5! **25.Rd2 Rxd2 26.Kxd2**

Rxh3 27.Ke3 Rh2 Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/Black=0.39. Mistake: White=3 --- Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=7 Black=9 Best: --- Black=2
0-1

204 **A00**
□ **Oh,Grow Up**
■ **The Grob White Insists On,P.**
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4 d5 2.Bg2** White hopes you will take on g4. Which is actually completely playable . White hopes you will take on g4. Which is actually completely playable . **2...c6 3.h3** White really ought to guard g4 now. If he plays 3 c4?! then dc is very good for Black. White really ought to guard g4 now. If he plays 3 c4?! then dc is very good for Black. **3...e5 4.d4 e4 5.c4 Bd6**
[5...dxc4 6.Nc3=]
6.Nc3 Ne7 In this strange "Advance French reversed" structure we develop our knight to e7, out of range of g5 hits and possibly going to g6, where it will look at the weak squares f4 and h4.
[6...dxc4 7.Nxe4 *(7.Bxe4 Ne7=)* 7...h5 8.g5±]
7.Qb3 a5 Despite being the top choice of both Stockfish 10 and Houdini 6, nobody seems to have played this move. Still, it is very strong. Is Black winning yet or just nearly winning? We will leave that to the philosophers. Black is going to try to sacrifice this pawn with ...a4. And with White's bishop on g5, accepting it loses a piece. Despite being the top choice of both Stockfish 10 and Houdini 6, nobody seems to have played this move. Still, it is very strong. Is Black winning yet or just nearly winning? We will leave that to the philosophers. Black is going to try to sacrifice this pawn with ...a4. And with White's bishop on g5, accepting it loses a piece.
[7...h6 8.Bd2 Bc7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 dxc4 12.Qc2 f6 13.Be3 Nd5 14.Nxe4 Be6 15.Nc5 Bf7 16.Qe4 Re8 17.Qh4 b6 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Bd2 Na6 20.Nc3 Nab4 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Nf3 ½-½ 6.e5 d5 7. ♗b5 ♘e4 8.cd4 (2248)-Steinbacher,M (2418) TCh-ROU Superliga 2011 (7)]
8.Bg5N This is the move that White would play if Black had castled. It isn't very good here. This is the move that White would play if Black had castled. It isn't very good here. Black is better.
[8.Bd2 a4 9.Nxa4 *(9.Qc2 f5 10.e3 0-0* Oh,G-The Grob. Just say no to tas *)* 9...dxc4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Nc3 Na6 12.gxf5 Nb4 13.Qc1 e3 14.Bxe3 Bxf5 15.Ne4 b5 16.a3 Nbd5 17.Bd2 0-0 Oh,G-The Grob. Tales of a lesser]
8...a4 In reply, we get this nudge in. We don't actually care if it eventually drops off.

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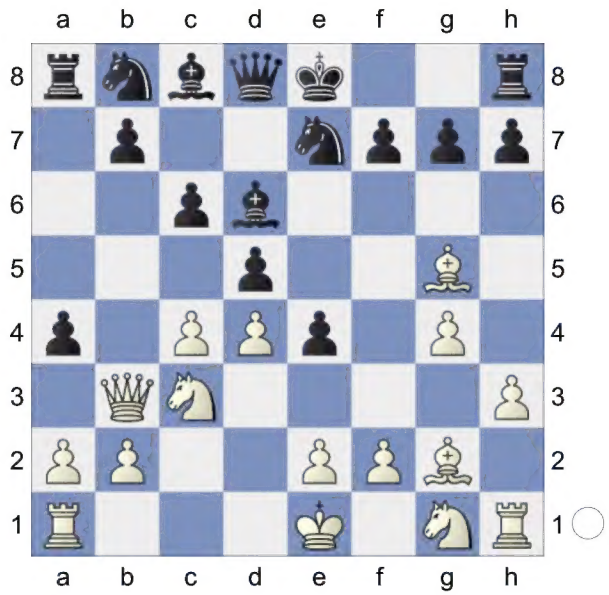


In reply, we get this nudge in. We don't actually care if it eventually drops off. Decoy **9.Nxa4** -2.98/23 However, we are positively delighted if it drops off straight away!

[9.Bxe7∓ -1.06/21 was necessary. axb3 *(9...Qxe7 10.Nxa4 dxc4 11.Qc2∓; 9...Bxe7 10.Qc2∓; 9...Kxe7 10.Nxa4 dxc4 11.Qc2∓)* 10.Bxd8 Kxd8 11.cxd5]

9...Qa5+-+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg5 Most players would resign here. But a Grob player in a speed match? Of course not! So, a few more moves: Most players would resign here. But a Grob player in a speed match? Of course not! So, a few more moves: **12.Nxe4** First order of business: we have won a piece but our queen and bishop are forked. First order of business: we have won a piece but our queen and bishop are forked. **12...Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bc7 14.Nf3** Now we want to continue developing and get a knight to f6. **14...Nd7 15.Nfg5** ... but of course we have to stop mate in 1... **15...0-0 16.h4 Nd5** ... and we want to be able to meet Nf6 Nxf6 with NXN **17.h5 h6** We don't want to allow White to play h6, and this also kicks the White knight **18.Nf3** Now the other knight will probably be swapped, but we may as well gain a tempo on it before we play Nf6 **18...Re8 19.Qc2 N7f6** Finally! Finally! Black is clearly winning. **20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.h6 g4** Most Grob players I know would see this as 'With compensation'. Most computers I know see this as '-7'. Take your pick! Most Grob players I know would see this as 'With compensation'. Most computers I know see this as '-7'. Take your pick! Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.04 (flawless) . Loses game: White=1 --- OK: White=3 Black=13

205 **A00**

□ **Bloodgood,Claude F**

■ **Wedding,Don**

corr 1999

[Tim Sawyer,MH]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g4**

[1.g3 e5 *(1...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nbc3 e5 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 e4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Nf8 12.Ba3 c6 13.b4 h5 14.Rad1 b6 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5* 0-1 Perez,W (1936)-Toro,M (2079) Medellin Antioquia-ch 2024 (3) *)* 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Nxd5 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qe4 N5b4 11.a3 Bc6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qg4 Nc2 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Ra2 b4 0-1 Morozevich,A (2734)-Laznicka,V (2666) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (4. 3)]

1...h5 Black plays to out-flank his opponent in much the same way that millitary tactics where carried out during the American Civil War. In chess, however, the pieces are limited by the size of the board, and therefore, flank attacks are less effective than central attacks.

[1...Nf6?! I am partial to this Knight move as my very first move vs any central pawn move, but I usually respond to a flank opening like the Grob with a central pawn move of my own. Here the move is playable, but not strong since White's center pawns are not a target. 2.g5 *(2.d4?!* leads to the Gibbins-Wiedenhagen Gambit, a favorite of many BDG players. *Nxg4 3.f3 Nf6 4.e4* when White has an edge in space and time. Probably Black will be forced to defend, but he has an extra pawn with no long term weakness. *d5!∓)* 2...Ng8 Moving the Knight to the center is very risky since White has many options for attacking it with the pawns. 3.d4 d5=]

[1...d6 2.Bg2 c6 Blocking the attack on b7, so that g4 is now hanging. 3.e4 e5 4.Nc3 Ne7 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Bxg4 7.e5 Be6 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qb4 Qd7 10.exd6 Na6 11.Qc3 Nxd6 12.Nxd6+ Bxd6 13.Qxg7 0-0-0 Material is even, but Black is way ahead in development. 14.Bg5 Rhe8 15.Ne2 Be7 16.Bxe7 Qd2+ 17.Kf1 Qd1+ 0-1. Nickel-Rind, Philadelphia 1976]

[1...g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.e4 c6 5.h4 e5= 6.c3? White should move the d-pawn. exd4! 7.cxd4 Qb6∓]

[1...Nc6 2.Bg2 d5 3.h3 e6 4.b3 Qf6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.e3 d4 7.Ne4 Qe7 8.Nxc5 Qxc5 9.Bb2 Nge7 10.Nf3 e5 11.c3 d3 12.Qb1 e4 13.Nd4 f5∓ 0-1 Forbes,C-Vann,M England 1988 White is very cramped so Black opens lines for attack, winning soon in]

[1...e6 2.Bg2 d5 3.d4 c5 Here one of the world's best players chooses a classical set-up for the Black pieces. 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.g5 Ne4 7.Nc3 Be7 8.h4 f5 9.Bf4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e3 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.f4 Qc5 16.Qd2 Rb8 17.c3 a5 18.Rf2 Ba6 19.Bf1 Bxf1 20.Kxf1 a4 21.Kg2 Rf5 22.h5 h6 23.gxh6 gxh6 0-1 bazar-wokzal (2823)-NDShort (2940) ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club 1999 The only open file is the one on which the Kings stand. A complex fight was seen in]

[1...g5 2.h4 gxh4 3.g5 Bg7 4.d4 d5 5.Rxh4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bf4 Nge7 8.Rh1 Nf5 9.e3 Qe7 10.c3 b6 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bb5 0-0-0 13.Qa4 1-0 Sawyer,T-Cherner,L corr APCT 1996 Black has developed rapidly, but passively. What are his pieces doing? His a7 and c6 squares are difficult to defend. See]

[1...c6 2.g5 d5 3.h4 h6 4.d4 hxg5 5.Bxg5 Nd7 6.Bg2 f6 7.Bc1 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.Nf3 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Bf5 12.Bf4 g5? *(* This move drops a pawn. Maybe Black missed the fact that White's Rook is protected. Better is *12...Ng6∓)* 13.hxg5 Rxh1+ 14.Bxh1 fxg5 15.Bxg5 Bg7 16.e4 dxe4 17.Qh5+ Bg6 18.Qe2 e3 19.fxe3 Bxc3+ 20.bxc3 Qd5?? 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 Black resigns. 1-0. Grob-SG, ICC 2000.]

2.g5

[2.gxh5 is playable, however it leaves the Kingside rather loose. Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Rxh5=]

2...h4

[2...e5 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 d5=]

[2...g6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.0-0 Bxf3 7.exf3 e6 8.f4 Ne7 9.Nd2 Nf5 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.Bh3 Nd6 12.Ne5 Bg7 13.b3 Qb6 14.Ba3 Nb5 15.Nxd7?! *(White goes all out for an attack against a solid Black fortress. Simply 15.Bb2= is the safer course.)* 15...Qxd4 16.Bc5 Qxa1 17.Qe2 Qc3 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kd8 20.Nf6 Bxf6 21.gxf6 Qxc5 22.c4 Qd6 23.Qf7 Nc7 24.cxd5 Rf8 25.Qxg6 Qxf6 26.Qxh5 Nxd5 27.Rd1 Kc7 0-1. bazar-wokzal-alkhateeb, ICC 1999.]

3.Bg2N

[3.d4 d6 4.Qd3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 *(5...Nc6 6.c3 Bd7 7.Na3 Qc8 8.h3 e5 9.d5 Nce7 10.Nf3 f5 11.gxf6 Nxf6 12.Bg5 Bf5 13.Qc4 Nfxd5 14.Nxh4 c6 15.e4 Nb6 16.Qd3 Be6 17.Qxd6 Rxh4 18.Bxh4 Nf5 19.Qd8+ Qxd8 20.Bxd8* Rahal,M-Schafer,H Warsaw 2009 *Rxd8 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.b4 Na4* Mehnert-Grob,H FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1942*)* 6.h3 Nc6 7.c3 e5 8.d5 Nce7 9.e4 f5 10.gxf6 Bxf6 11.Nf3 Rh5 12.Be3 1-0 Grob,H-Wettstein,M corr 1964 Anytime White plays the Grob and gets the stronger position in the center, you know that Black is in trouble - fatally in the game]

[3.g6!? This is played to mess up the Black pawn structure. f6 *(3...fxg6=)* 4.e4 e6 5.d4 c5 *(5...Ne7=)* 6.d5 Bd6 7.Nh3 Ne7 8.Qg4 exd5 9.exd5 Be5 10.f4 f5 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.d6 0-0 13.dxe7 Bxe7 14.Qh5 The pawn on g6 played a key role throughtout the game. 1-0. Partizan-mariquita, ICC 1999.]

3...e5 4.d4 Be7 5.g6! Once again the Spike is driven deep into the Black territory with great effect. **5...f6** 0.86/12

[5...fxg6± 0.45/12 feels stronger. 6.dxe5 Nc6]

6.dxe5 White is more active. **6...c6** Repels Qd5 **7.Nf3** Bf4 would now be deadly. **7...d5 8.Qd4** -0.51/11

[White should try 8.exd6± 0.70/10 Qxd6 9.h3]

8...h3∓ 9.Bf1 Bf5 0.38/20

[9...Nd7∓ -0.55/10 10.Nbd2 fxe5 11.Nxe5 Bf6]

10.Rg1 -0.32/10

[10.Qf4!± 0.38/20 Rh5 *(10...Bxg6? 11.Qg4+-; 10...Bxc2 11.Rg1±)* 11.Nd4 fxe5 *(11...Bxg6? 12.Qg3+-)* 12.Qxe5 Bxg6 13.Qg3]

10...Bxc2 0.83/17

[10...Nd7∓ -0.32/10 keeps the upper hand.]

11.Qf4!± Bxb1 12.Rxb1 Qa5+ 13.b4 0.40/10

[13.Bd2± 1.20/14 Qxa2 14.Rc1]

13...Qxa2± 14.Qf5 -0.59/8

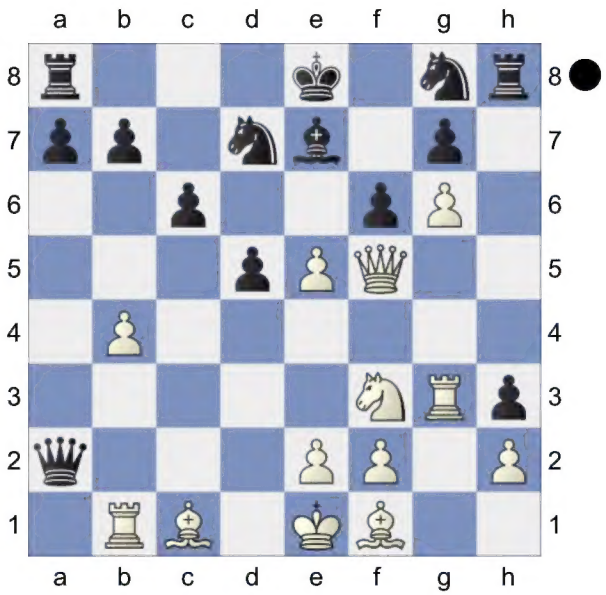
[14.Rb2± 0.31/10 Qa1 15.Rg3]

14...Nd7∓ ...Rh5! is the strong threat.

15.Rg3 -1.53/9

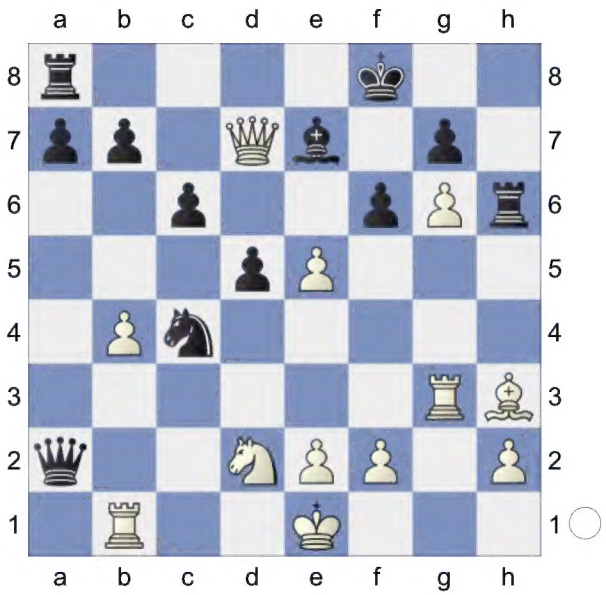
[15.Rb2∓ -0.49/10 Qa1 16.Rb1 Bxb4+ Pin 17.Nd2 Bxd2+ *(17...Qxe5 18.Qxe5+ fxe5 19.Rxb4±)* 18.Bxd2 Qxe5 19.Qxe5+ fxe5 *(19...Nxe5 20.Rxb7 Ne7 21.Rg3∓)* 20.Rxb7]

(Diagram)



15...Nh6? 1.97/11
[15...Rh5!∓ -1.53/9 and life is bright. 16.Qd3 *(16.Qxh5? perishes. Qxb1 17.Kd1 Qb3+ 18.Ke1 Qc2-+)* 16...fxe5]
16.Bxh6+- Rxh6 17.Bxh3 0.07/15
[17.Rxh3± 0.93/12 Rxh3 18.Bxh3 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Kf1]
17...Nb6? 4.72/9
[17...0-0-0!= 0.07/15 and Black stays safe.]
18.Nd2? 1.87/8
[18.Kf1 4.72/9]
18...Nc4? #10/17
[18...d4+- 1.87/8 19.Rgb3 Kf8]
19.Qd7+ Kf8

(Diagram)



20.exf6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=1.32. Loses game: --- Black=2 Mistake: White=7 Black=3 OK: White=1 Black=4 Best: White=2 --- Strong: White=1 ---
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